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Christian Shane Photo

Brook trout fry hatch from eggs and grow from stage to stage within their life cycle in a Trout in the Classroom aquarium.

## TIC kicks off another year

By Christian A. Shane  
*TIC Teacher, Penn's Woods West Chapter Member*

To begin our annual Trout in the Classroom project in the fall, my second grade students discuss this Pennsylvania question and answer session about the state symbols:

1. *What is the official Pennsylvania state animal?*
2. *What is the official PA state bird?*

3. *What is the official PA state flower?*
4. *What is the official PA state fish?*

They are correct if they answer: 1. White-tailed deer, 2. Ruffed grouse, 3. Mountain laurel, and 4. Brook trout.

Many of my students (and their parents) are surprised to learn that the brook trout is our state fish, which has rich meaning and history in PA and other places within the eastern United States. Pennsylvania also

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## TU National Meeting a success

By Charlie Charlesworth  
*TU National Meeting Chair*

What a great Trout Unlimited National Meeting we held in Scranton from Sept. 16-20. Everything went so smoothly, and National's staff was impressed.

Looking back to when we started the process four years ago – and yes, it has been four years since we first aspired to

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## Council recognizes award winners

Each year, the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited honors those individuals and local chapters that have made outstanding contributions in meeting TU's goals of the "conservation, protection and restoration of the commonwealth's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."

The following awards for 2015 were presented at state council's annual meeting at the Shaver's Creek Community Center on Oct. 3.

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## CHP grant round opens

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) announces the opening of the 2016 Coldwater Conservation Grants Program. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership provides technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

Grants are awarded to organizations to outline strategies and complete implementation projects that best conserve and protect our coldwater fisheries.

### Grant Opportunities:

**Planning Grant** – Grants of approximately \$5,000 will be awarded to create a coldwater conservation plan that will ultimately conserve and protect the coldwater streams of Pennsylvania.

This grant is to:

- Gather existing data about the coldwater ecosystem
- Identify potential impacts, threats, problems and opportunities to our coldwater streams;
- Formulate a plan of action for proposed conservation and protection strategies; and
- Build community awareness and support for the conservation of our coldwater streams.

**Implementation Grant** – Grants of approximately \$7,000 will be awarded to implement recommendations from a completed coldwater conservation plan

or other report. Potential projects should protect or enhance the coldwater stream for which the coldwater conservation plan or similar document was originally completed.

Applications can be found at [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org). Applications will be accepted through Dec. 18, 2015. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) urges watershed groups, conservation districts, municipalities and local chapters of Trout Unlimited to apply.

Besides offering grants, CHP works to: foster a greater public understanding of watershed characteristics and how they affect coldwater ecosystems; identify special areas of concern, such as areas with exceptional water quality and high potential for impacts; and provide technical assistance and financial opportunities to organizations dedicated to protecting our coldwater ecosystems.

The CHP is a cooperative effort of Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited (PATU), the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

For more information, contact Samantha Ferguson, program director, at 814-359-5233 or visit the Coldwater Heritage Partnership website at [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org).



## Save the Date

The 2016 Keystone Coldwater Conference will be held Feb. 26-27, 2016 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College, PA.

This year's theme is:  
*Coldwater Resources: Connecting Conservation, Protection, Restoration and Stewardship.*

**Sponsorship details and more information and can be found at [www.coldwaterconference.com](http://www.coldwaterconference.com).**

### KEYSTONE COLDWATER CONFERENCE

# Proposed pipeline could impact wild trout streams

By Tyler Frantz  
For the Lebanon Daily News

Everyone knows that oil and water don't mix. But it turns out that natural gas pipelines and wild trout waters may not mix too well either. At least that's the latest worry creating a buzz among Trout Unlimited's eastern region leaders.

Of particular concern is the proposed PennEast Pipeline – a 114-mile project that would transport fracked shale gas from Luzerne County, PA southeast across the Delaware River Watershed to future home sites near Trenton, NJ.

The preliminary pipeline proposal calls for a 36-inch diameter pipe to cross 95 streams in Pennsylvania and 65 in New Jersey; many of which are prime trout fishing destinations, including Bear Creek, Mud Run, Tobyhanna Creek, Pohopoco Creek, and even the Lehigh and Delaware Rivers.

Construction would entail clearing a 100-foot temporary right of way, which would later be scaled back to a maintained 50-foot land swath after installation. Ultimately, the project could affect over 1,300 acres of land along its proposed route through areas like Wilkes-Barre, Jim Thorpe, Nazareth, Easton and Alexandria.

TU leaders are worried that, if not done properly, runoff sediment from construction of the buried line could create long-lasting problems for some of Pennsylvania's most pristine trout waters.

"This is the next frontier of energy extraction and transport," said TU Eastern Water Project Director, Katy Dunlap. "At this point, the natural gas wells have already been drilled and energy companies are now looking to distribute."

The extraction process for natural gas, which is found in the Marcellus shale layer roughly one mile beneath the earth's surface, as well as liquid natural gas located in the Utica layer 600-900 feet deeper, requires an incredible quantity of natural resources to produce results.

Though each well pad may only affect three to five acres of land on site, hydraulic



Tyler Frantz Photo

**An angler fishes Mud Run, a prime trout fishing destination, that could be affected by a proposed pipeline.**

fracturing requires three to five million gallons of water and 11-million pounds of sand per well, plus an additional supply of undisclosed chemicals.

Ironically, the large majority of well sites in the state are situated right in the heart of Pennsylvania trout country, with the top six producing counties (In order: Washington, Bradford, Susquehanna, Greene, Lycoming and Tioga) ranging from 661 to 1,146 active wells per county.

With such a plentiful supply of energy now ready for transport, companies like PennEast are looking forward to cashing in on their investment by taking the gas directly to the consumer.

Unfortunately, a pipeline must be built for this to happen, which if not done correctly, could result in prime trout habitat being disturbed and a host of aquatic species being thrown out of balance within

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# Headwaters

A message from PATU President Charlie Charlesworth

As I look back over my last four years as vice president I now realize why the transition to my position as your new president has seemed to be easy so far.

It is because Brian Wagner and Ken Undercoffer before him, along with George Kutschel, Bob Pennell and Samantha Ferguson, have together developed a well-oiled machine. As long as I stay the course we should do just fine.

There is, however, an ever-changing complexion and complexity of our organization, both on the national and at the local level with your individual chapters. We must work together to make new programs work as they have been designed.

I think one of my first tasks will be to help our chapters gain a better understanding of how very much support and help Council can be. PATU is here to serve the chapters, to help chapters improve, to help chapters develop new and better programs, and to help whenever problems pop up. Chances are, whatever problems you might have, they have probably turned up in one of our chapters before.

Council is working on several different fronts on your behalf. We are trying to find solutions for many of the same situations that you face on a chapter level. Allow me to give you an idea of some areas in which we need your help.

Your regional vice presidents are your primary links with Council, but they can only do their jobs with cooperation from our chapters. As an example, I have recently asked that chapters send their regional VPs a copy of their meeting minutes – regardless of how informal – after each chapter meeting.

This will keep the lines of communication open with our chapters, and the VP will gain first-hand knowledge of how each chapter operates. And not incidentally, we need someone from the North Central Region to step up and take the regional VP position. Will that be you?

Council is also in need of volunteers for several committees. For example, if you have an environmental or conservation background, or have experience as a

volunteer in those areas, we really need to reinforce the Environmental Committee. Because when we go to Harrisburg to fight for issues that affect us as a group, we need a committee formulating our actions.

We also need help in the area of women's and family initiatives. Perhaps it's someone who has developed good women's programs for your chapter. To make these committees work for Council, we also need representatives for these programs on a chapter level. Every chapter should have chairpersons in place for their Youth Education, Womens Initiative, Membership, TIC and Legislative committees. If you think you can help, or if you need more information on these positions, please call me at 570-954-5042. Communication is going to be the buzzword in this administration.

I love to fish, as I am sure you do also. My promise to you is that we will work on programs that will protect your streams, improve fishing, and create more places for you to catch quality fish, both stocked and wild.

I waited to the end of my little ditty here to give you a bit of my background. I am a life member of Trout Unlimited. I have been a member for nearly 25 years and, because of business moves, I have served in three different chapters: Schuylkill County TU, Stanley Cooper TU and now the Lackawanna Valley Chapter. I have served in the capacity of most offices and committees in those chapters.

My involvement with PATU started



back in 2004 when Brian Wagner and I ran against each other for the Northeast Regional VP position. Brian won, and I have followed in his footsteps ever since then. My educational and business background was in marketing. I worked in corporate America for a Fortune 100 company for 27 years before changing directions. I went to work for the ABC affiliate here in NEPA and, up until my retirement in 2013, produced television shows, infomercials, commercials and fly fishing shows.

My fly fishing shows have aired on broadcast channels between Scranton and Boston (*Fly Fishing the Northeast*), on Outdoor Life Network (*Outdoors on the Fly*) and on the Sportsman Channel (*Fly Fishing Top-2-Bottom*).

My wife and I do hosted trips to places like Tennessee, Argentina, Chile, Brazil and several places out west. I am now retired and am always at your disposal.

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# Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

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It should be noted that all money we receive from chapter and individuals is used to fund Council programs or projects, including this newsletter, unlike grant money which can only be used for the purpose of the grant.

We know how hard it is to raise funds and wish to recognize your efforts. The following chapters have made a commitment to PATU within the last 12

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Want to see your chapter listed? Please contact your chapter leaders and tell them!

## PA Council Officers



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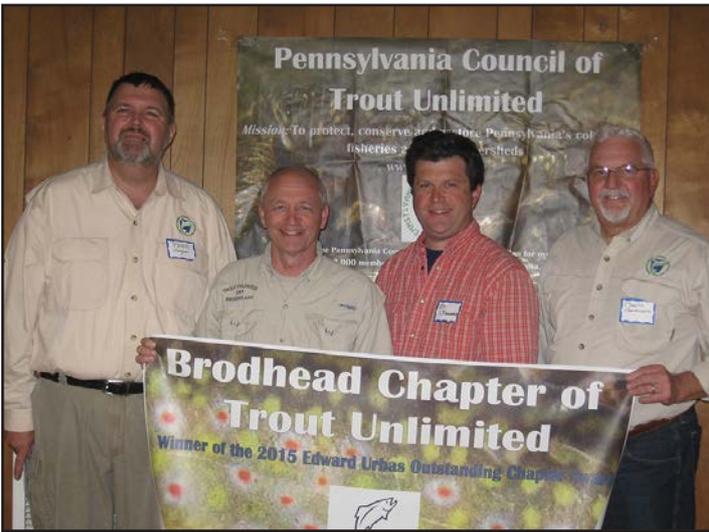
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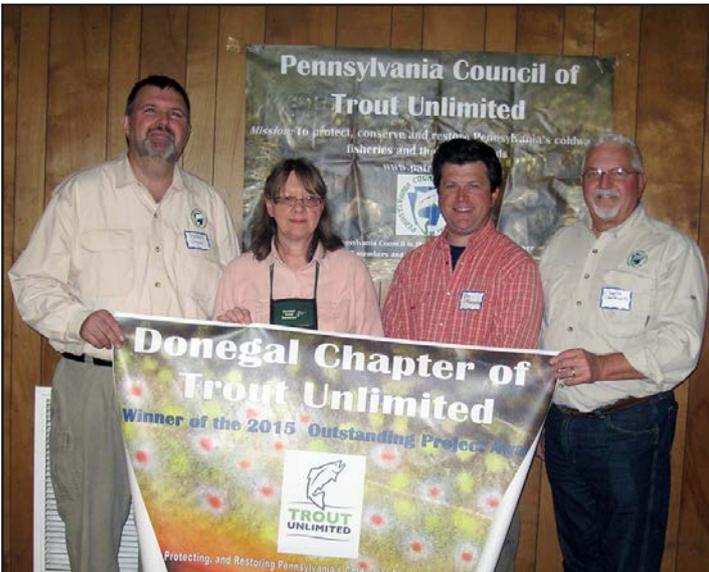
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*Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (Professional)*  
**Karl Lutz**



*Edward J. Urbas Award for Outstanding PA Chapter*  
**Brodhead**



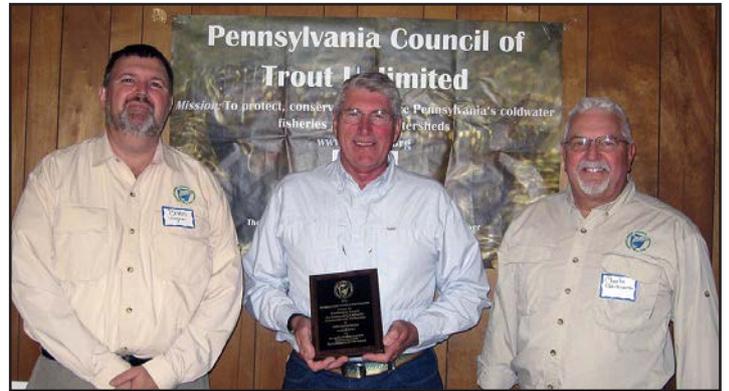
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**Donegal**

## AWARDS

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- Edward J. Urbas Award for Outstanding PA Chapter: Brodhead
- Outstanding Chapter Project: Donegal
- Dr. John A. "Doc" Fritchey, Jr. Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (TU Member): Pete Goodman
- Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (Professional): Karl Lutz (PFBC)
- Outstanding TU Volunteer Award: Don Albright
- Best Chapter Website Award: Brodhead
- Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter: Adams County
- Chapter with Greatest Increase in Membership (percent): Fort Bedford
- Chapter with Greatest Increase in Membership (numbers): Penn's Woods West
- Enoch S. "Inky" Moore Award for Distinguished Service to PA Council: Samantha Ferguson
- Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach: Justin Pittman

Congratulations to the chapters and individuals who earned these awards, as well as all the other chapters and members who contributed in so many ways in achieving Council's goals.

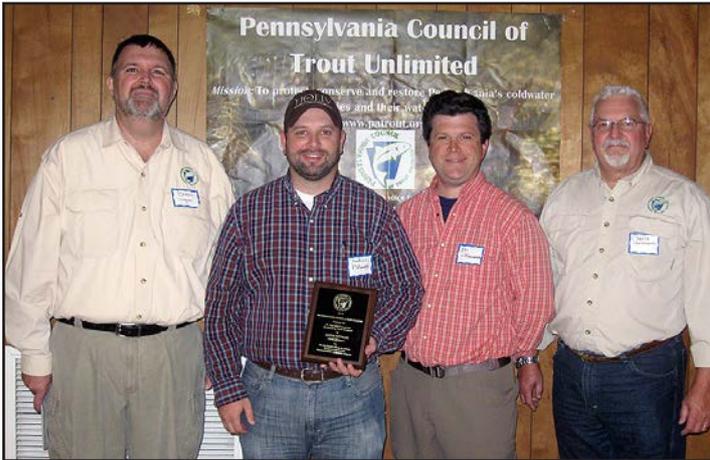


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**Pete Goodman**



*Outstanding TU Volunteer*  
**Don Albright**

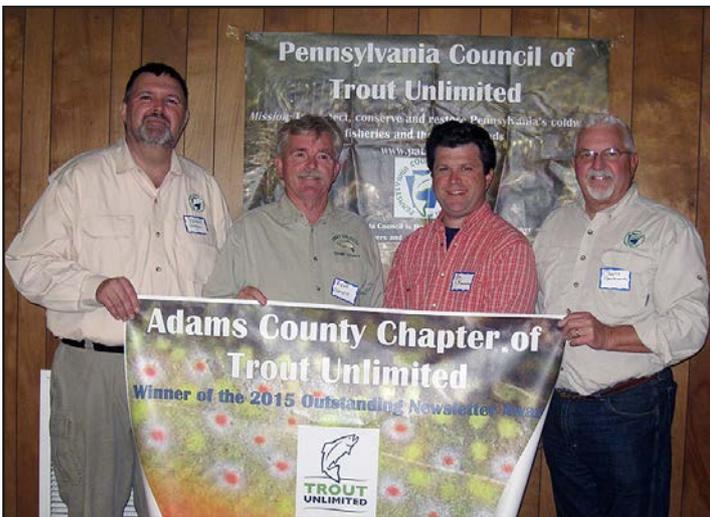
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*Best Chapter Website*  
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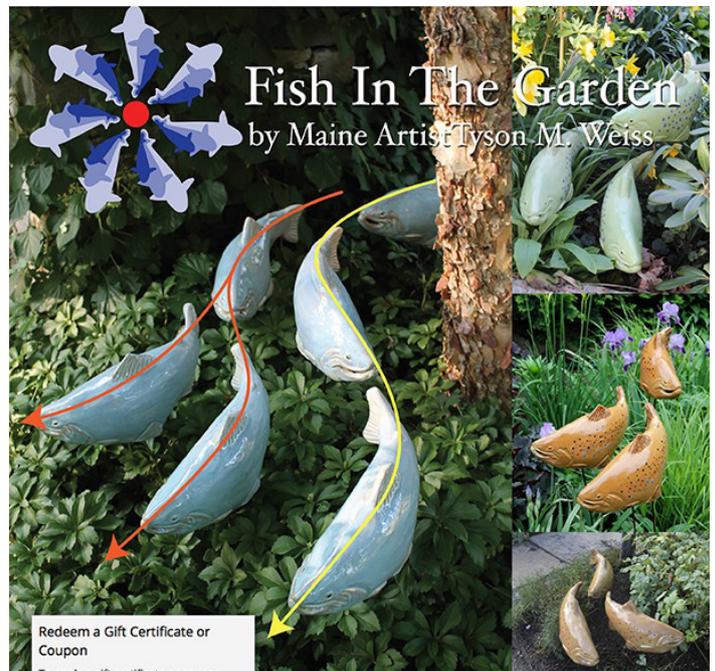
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# Annual Trout in the Classroom Raffle tickets now available

Trout in the Classroom is an interdisciplinary program that teaches students about coldwater conservation while raising brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium.

Teachers tailor their program to fit individual needs, so each is unique. With the assistance of this annual raffle, PATU provides a mini-grant program to support classroom needs and help to educate the next generation of coldwater stewards.

The grants assist teachers in replacing outdated or nonfunctioning equipment, books, field and sampling equipment, and helps cover field trip costs in order to engage students in coldwater conservation

## Pennsylvania Trout in the Classroom Raffle

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activities.

By offering these grants, PATU can relieve some of the financial burden on these partners by allowing them to provide funding for other important projects, while also providing support to classrooms that must rely solely on these grants to continue their programs.

All proceeds from the annual raffle go to the TIC grant program. Through your support we hope to continue our mini-grant program. The goal for this year's raffle is to raise \$10,000.

Donations should be made to PA Trout and mailed to P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

## TIC

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shares the brook trout state fish symbol with eight other states: Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, West Virginia, Virginia and Vermont.

Around the commonwealth, more than 300 participating Trout in the Classroom teachers and students raise brook trout within their classrooms, nurseries and community centers from late October into May.

I relay the importance of the brook trout from the beginning as we raise these egg species within our classroom in the fall. We investigate why the brook trout is prevalent in areas such as Pennsylvania and the northeast and why they may not be present in other state climates or habitats. We also discuss why the brook trout is considered an "indicator fish" for many healthy watersheds which incorporate cold and clean water.

When we first began the TIC project in 2006, teachers were given rainbow trout eggs to raise. These were honestly much

easier to handle and withstood more stress within our tanks. For two years, teacher participants in the TIC program raised and released rainbow trout.

As the 2008 season began, the TIC project switched to raise brook trout eggs since it was our state fish. Many of the teachers (and I) were concerned that they were smaller, more fragile and tougher to raise.

As the year went on, I changed my tune as I was thrilled my students got to witness their state fish, the brook trout, moving from stage to stage within its life cycle. We learned to adapt to the fragile nature of the brook trout and students had an up-close view of their life cycle. Since then, the TIC program has continued to thrive as students learn about trout, their habitats and the importance of clean, cold water.

With the assistance of many important PATU people and partnerships over the years (Amidea Daniel, Samantha Kutskel, Deb Nardone, Ken Undercoffer...just to name a few) the PA Trout in the Classroom project has taken off to be a truly meaningful project for students within the commonwealth.

Trout in the Classroom is made possible

through a unique partnership between PATU and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission to provide the brook trout eggs, food, curriculum resources, support and even workshops for teachers.

This past summer, over 45 new teachers and program partners met at the Bellefonte State Fish Hatchery/Stackhouse School in Centre County to learn about brook trout, the tank equipment and TIC resources. Even some TIC veteran teachers, including myself, joined in for a seasoned TIC teacher workshop to learn to tie flies, dissect fish and share curricular ideas. This continued commitment by teachers and staff makes the TIC project an incredible partnership in lifelong learning.

So when the leaves begin to fall, know that students from all across the state will participate in the Trout in the Classroom program and will learn to protect, conserve and restore the habitat of their favorite finny friend and Pennsylvanian representative, the brook trout.

Visit the PA TIC website at [www.patroutheclassroom.org](http://www.patroutheclassroom.org) for additional information.

## IMPACT

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their native ecosystem.

“We are not naïve enough to think we can stop this pipeline from being built,” Dunlap said. “But we are hoping to do everything within our power to ensure that it is built in a responsible manner – one that’s as minimally invasive as possible to water quality and trout habitat.”

In an effort to protect special waterways harboring wild trout and other aquatic life from the potential negative impacts of the natural gas boom, Trout Unlimited is advocating for more streams in the area to be designated as “Class A” waters and “Wild Trout Streams” by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Under Chapter 93 of Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations, wetlands adjacent and contiguous to wild trout streams are protected as “Exceptional Value” waters, and may also qualify as “High Quality” waters, which would grant them more stringent environmental protections from development based on their designated status as “Cold Water Fisheries.”

This would not necessarily stop the pipeline construction, but would potentially result in a more strictly enforced permitting process, closer scrutiny when planning and installing routes, and more disclosure as to exactly where and how the streams will be crossed – which at present remains vague.

To qualify for protection as a designated

waterway, streams must be found to hold wild populations of trout. Thus, TU and PFBC have entered a partnership to carry out the “Unassessed Waters Initiative,” through which specialized stream survey teams use science-based water quality test data and electro-shocking techniques to determine the presence of naturally producing trout populations.

Prior to 2010, biologists had only assessed 2,175 of Pennsylvania’s 62,000 streams. However, more intensive surveying over the past five years has resulted in 374 new streams being added to the Wild Trout Stream list since the initiative’s launch.

TU has identified 278 potential streams for assessment in the Delaware River Watershed for 2015, hoping to gain even more protection for local waters before PennEast submits its finalized formal application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for environmental review, which is expected to happen this fall.

Patricia Kornick, a spokeswoman from the PennEast Pipeline Company, claims they are taking the risks to the environment seriously and have a plan in place for completing the project responsibly.

“PennEast has teams of safety, engineering, environmental and geological specialists working to define the best route that will allow for safe construction and operations while minimizing impact to the community and the environment,” said Kornick.

“In determining the final route, PennEast analyzes numerous factors, including those pertaining to sedimentation. Once PennEast identifies the final preferred route, they also will be able to finalize mitigation measures.”

Kornick added that a detailed mitigation plan would also be submitted as part of its formal application to FERC.

“The mitigation plan will address many things, including installation of erosion control devices, any construction restrictions during spawning season, any specialized construction methods and water body crossing methods.”

“With today’s level of knowledge and technological advancements, we are fortunate that we do not have to choose between protecting the environment and meeting consumer demand for natural gas and electricity,” Kornick said.

Obviously, there are pros and cons to any form of energy expansion. After all, energy extraction, distribution and consumption are all essential components to maintaining forward human progress. Doing so takes time, money, space and natural resources.

But the merits of the natural gas boom need not come at the expense of our state’s prized coldwater resource; and if Trout Unlimited has anything to do with it, it won’t.

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*This article ran in the May 17 Lebanon Daily News. Frantz is a freelance outdoors writer. Visit [www.naturalpursuitoutdoors.com](http://www.naturalpursuitoutdoors.com) for more.*

## MEETING

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bring the National Meeting back to Pennsylvania – we knew that we as a group could make it happen. But never did we envision pulling off one of the best hat National has ever seen. It truly was one of the best ever, and it truly was a smoothly-run event.

What made it so special and what made it run so smoothly? Our members and our volunteers. That’s right. You and me, the people who make up the grassroots membership, the 13,000-plus members of the biggest and best Council in America.

We need to thank each and every one of

you who volunteered, donated prizes or helped in the planning. From the planning committees, to the fishing day volunteers, conservation tour volunteers, spouses’ tour volunteers, hospitality suite and auction night helpers – together we made it all happen. Our star shined brightly for the rest of Trout Unlimited.

At last count, if you add those who registered for the whole week and those that came for only one day, we numbered over 300 participants. We were told by National that is an average attendance over the past several years.

We did, however, believe that we could have done better by factoring in the demographics of our region and the population

base within a two-hour drive of Scranton. That being said, we have to thank the 28 out of 48 chapters who donated items to the Saturday night fund-raising banquet and auction. We also need to thank the 29 of 48 chapters who sent representatives. It would have been nice if all chapters had sent a representative.

I doubt we’ll see another National Meeting in Pennsylvania in my lifetime, but when it happens, believe me when I say we set the bar high for whomever comes next.

National and the rest of the country left Scranton knowing what a powerhouse Pennsylvania is, and I guarantee they have a greater understanding of our opinions and desires for a future TU.

# PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the Oct. 3, 2015  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Shaver's Creek Community Center*

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

**Others Attending:** Samantha Ferguson

**President's Report:** The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by newly-elected President Charlesworth. Past President Wagner's report was submitted with no further comments noted. A motion by Hanes/seconded by Gender was approved to accept the minutes of the June 27, 2015 EXCOM meeting, as previously distributed to EXCOM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kutskel reported that an unrestricted donation received from an anonymous donor will be invested in a bond program. The Treasurer's Report dated October, 2015 was approved on a motion to receive and file by Gender/seconded by Hanes.

**Awards Committee:** No report submitted. Annual awards for 2015 will be presented prior to dinner later today. Hanes proposed that the rules for the two Greatest Membership Increase Awards should be changed to reflect a first and second place based on percentage increase only. Further discussion will take place on this at the EXCOM retreat in November.

**Delaware River Committee:** Report submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Development Committee:** Report submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Stream Access Committee:** Report submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Trout Management Committee:** Report submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Women's Initiative:** No Report submitted. A chairperson is needed.

**Communications Committee:** Report submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Environmental Committee:** Report

submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Legislative Committee:** No report submitted. A chairperson is needed.

**Membership Committee:** Report submitted. No further comments were noted.

**Youth Education Committee:** Report submitted. It was noted that Chair Judi Sittler was honored to receive the Youth Education Leadership Award at the National TU Annual Meeting in September.

**National Leadership Council:** Report submitted. Murty reported that all PA chapters are scheduled for re-chartering in the coming year. Further discussion will take place on this at the EXCOM retreat in November.

**Program Director:** Report submitted. Ferguson stated that the Coldwater Resource Specialist position will be advertised next week, with interviews planned for November and hiring in January, 2016.

## **Regional Reports**

- ***North Central*** – All eight chapter reports were filed.
- ***Northeast*** – All nine chapter reports were filed.
- ***Northwest*** – All nine chapter reports were filed.
- ***South Central*** – All eight chapter reports were filed.
- ***Southeast*** – Five out of seven chapter reports were filed. Little Lehigh and Bucks County did not report.
- ***Southwest*** – All seven chapter reports were filed.

## **New Business**

- ***Assignment of VPs Committee Responsibilities*** – Malaska: Communications, Delaware River, Development, Legislative, Membership, Trout Mgmt. Leonard: Awards, Environmental, Stream Access, Youth Education, Women's Initiative.
- ***Funding for Eastern Water Projects Program*** – On a motion by Murty/seconded by Gender, approval was



granted to provide \$10,000 in restricted funds to Katy Dunlap to be used for advocacy and legislative work in Pennsylvania. A quarterly activity report is to be filed with EXCOM.

## • ***Resolution for Signatures on Unrestricted Donation Account*** – On

a motion by Malaska/seconded by Gender, it was resolved to authorize no fewer than two signatures for disbursements from the separate bond account to be set up for the unrestricted donation referenced under the Treasurer's Report.

- ***President's Goals & Principles*** – Charlesworth distributed his Goals & Principles objectives to serve as an operating guideline for EXCOM in the coming year.

The EXCOM meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM on a motion by Kutskel/seconded by Gender.

## **Election of Officers for FYE2016**

The following officers were elected by the membership present at the 2015 PATU Annual Membership Meeting to serve for a one-year period, effective Oct. 4, 2015.

President – Charlie Charlesworth  
Vice President – Greg Malaska  
Vice President – John Leonard  
Secretary – Bob Pennell  
Treasurer – George Kutskel  
NLC Representative – Monty Murty  
NC Region VP – Open (no candidates)  
NE Region VP – Fred Gender  
NW Region VP – Mark Hanes  
SC Region VP – Alan Howe  
SE Region VP – Chris Burns  
SW Region VP – Chuck Winters

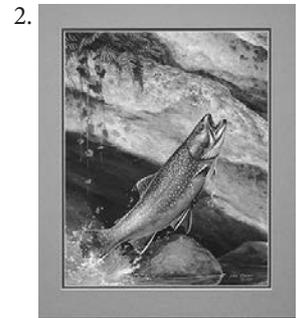
– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

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	Wet Fly – 5X Tippet w/ 2 Droppers			
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**Brodhead 289**

**Forks of the Delaware 482**

**Hokendauqua 535**

**Lackawanna Valley 414**

**Monocacy 491**

**Pike-Wayne 462**

**Schuylkill County 537**

**Stan Cooper Sr. 251**

**Western Pocono 203**

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On Aug. 13, members and representatives from various conservation organizations conducted an electroshocking study of Pocono Creek in Tannersville. The results of this study will be used as baseline data for the upcoming Pocono Creek habitat improvement project. Final paperwork for this project was submitted and approved. Members assisted the Monroe County Conservation District with the Youth Conservation Camp. Our next meeting is in conjunction with Western Pocono regarding "Pennsylvania's Gas Pipelines - What You Need to Know" at 6 p.m. Nov. 19 at Clymer Library, Pocono Pines.

### **Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482**

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Our 4th annual Pig & Corn Roast family event at Riverside Barr & Grille was Sept. 16. Although the weather could have been better, we had a successful event raising funds for our TIC programs. We have partnered with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy in an effort to restore and rehabilitate two miles of Bushkill Creek in Northampton County. This section flows through public areas in the Borough of Tatamy, Forks and Palmer townships. Urbani Fisheries out of Bozeman, Mont. was contracted to complete the design work to be finalized in October. We completed our Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Sept. 16 along Bushkill Drive. On Sept. 19, we participated in the Roseto Rod & Gun Club's youth day. Volunteers rolled

out our "Forks TU Fly Fishing Experience" for about 75 youths. On Sept. 26, we participated in the inaugural Lehigh Valley Greenways Festival at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center with a chapter display, membership materials, a fly tying demo and fly rods available for casting.

### **Hokendauqua Chapter #535**

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The chapter's biggest project of the year was Aug. 24-26 when volunteers worked on a streambank restoration project on 2,000 feet of Coplay Creek. Nineteen structures were set in place including a large bank cover crib. We had a planting Oct. 5 along the Kreidersville covered bridge project. On June 17, the chapter hosted a free fly fishing clinic on the Hokendauqua in Northampton. July 25 was Minsi Trails Council of Boy Scouts fishing derby with over 100 Scouts fishing Stillwater Lake in the Poconos. Members helped at the NWTJF Jake's Youth Field Day at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club on Aug. 4. Our joint meeting with Lackawanna Valley TU is Dec. 15 at East Bath Rod & Gun Club.

### **Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414**

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Work is moving forward on our Sweeney Beach Environmental Education project and a handicap fishing pier and Jay Rake trout habitat in Archibald along with a biomass study on Leggets Creek, which includes an ongoing water temperature study. Our Trout Unlimited Teens and NEPA Fly Girls had meetings to plan their fall fly tying and rod building classes. Our Trout Unlimited Teens Fly Fishing School runs Jan. 16-May 14, 2016 at the Scott Township Municipal Building. Our Keystone Trout Unlimited Teens Summer Camp is June 19-25, 2016 at Keystone College, LaPlume.

### **Monocacy Chapter #491**

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Our board of directors met in August to discuss upcoming projects and events, and review the past year's accomplishments and hurdles. We are bringing back the Fly Fishing Film Tour, which was a huge success. We will also make an effort to better promote our events to families, especially our Bugs and Dogs Cookout. We will also continue to promote inter-chapter partnerships. The chapter continues to pursue the removal of a small dam. Two grants have been secured, and permits

have been applied for. Removal will hopefully be in early 2016. Our next meeting is Nov. 24 at the DAR House.

### **Pike/Wayne Chapter #462**

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Our youth development chairman is developing a program to counsel local Boy Scout troops in fly fishing and fly tying. Our next meeting is Nov. 9 at Cora's Bistro, Hawley.

### **Schuylkill County Chapter #537**

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Our chapter attended the Schuylkill County Fair from July 27-Aug. 1 to promote TU. We had various items for sale and had a free raffle every night to give a rod and reel away. Our largest fundraising event this quarter was an eight-hour guided float trip on the middle section of the Lehigh River donated by Rivers Outdoor Adventures. Our major stream project is the New Philadelphia Project, a three-year venture that includes a wheelchair accessible walkway and fishing area. We held major stream cleanups Sept. 28 and Oct. 1 along the Schuylkill River in the Schuylkill Haven and Cressona areas. Our radio show has been a big success. On Aug. 8, we did events at Valley View Gun Club and Locust Lake. On Aug. 15, we did a stream study, casting demonstrations and fly tying with Solar Innovations. On Aug. 18, we attended an awards dinner where to receive the 2015 Conservation Organization of the Year award from Schuylkill Conservation District. We were just as active in September with a program at Tri-Valley High School, the TU National Meeting and our summer picnic and meeting.

### **Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251**

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Charlie Charlesworth presented an aid for wheelchair-bound fishermen to Project Healing Waters. The project on Bowmans Creek was completed this summer when the last of the lime was spread, and trees and grasses planted. Positive impact on the stream has been seen in the raising of its pH. Board members Mike Romanowski, Joe Ackourey and Joe Gruskiewicz, Jr. assisted Charlesworth at Keystone College in the summer conservation and fly fishing program. Upcoming meetings include: Keystone College Conservation and Fly Fishing Club on Nov. 11 and an abandoned mine reclamation presentation by National TU on Dec. 8 at the VFW in Kingston.

Our annual banquet is April 2 at Gus Genetti's Hotel, Wilkes-Barre.

## Western Pocono Chapter #203

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Our speaker series program continued Oct. 20 at PSU Hazleton with a "Meet the Conservation Districts" panel presentation. Five representatives from district offices in Luzerne, Monroe, Schuylkill, Lackawanna and Carbon counties were invited to explain the varied environmental activities the organizations are involved in. In a special joint venture with the Brodhead Chapter, WPTU will hold a special program on Nov. 19 on gas pipelines in Pennsylvania at Clymer Library in Pocono Pines. Paula Piatt, Katy Dunlap and Jake Lemon will provide information on the important and timely topic. Despite inclement weather, the chapter held its annual summer picnic on Tobyhanna Creek at Austin Blakeslee Park, Blakeslee. John Levitsky from the Luzerne County Conservation District continued to work with WPTU members on obtaining appropriate native plants for a planned riparian streamside planting on a tributary of Nescopeck Creek in Nescopeck State Park. Members are hoping for a spring planting in 2016. WPTU continues to be involved in the PFBC Unassessed Waters program despite severely fluctuating water conditions in local streams. WPTU members assisted Boy Scouts in Berwick in obtaining merit badges in fly fishing and fly tying and with a fishing derby. We are sponsoring TIC programs at Hazleton Area High School and in Jim Thorpe School District.

### NORTHCENTRAL CHAPTERS

Columbia County 038

God's Country 327

Lloyd Wilson 224

Penns Creek 119

Raymond B. Winter 124

Spring Creek 185

Susquehanna 044

Tiadaghton 688

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Columbia County Chapter #38

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Chapter President Erick Lewis attended two webinars for orientation and skill building aimed at new leaders. Two fly tying classes and one tying demonstration were completed with chapter members and guests. Chapter members provided instruction on landing and handling fish for release at the Fishin' Fun Day at Kocher Park in Lightstreet. Meetings will be held Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10, 2016 at Columbia County Conservation District Office, 702 Sawmill Road, Bloomsburg. The Early Bird Sports Expo. is Jan. 28-29, 2016 at Bloomsburg Fairgrounds, 620 West 3rd Street, Bloomsburg.

## God's Country Chapter #327

Dr. Peter Ryan

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Raffle tickets for the "Castaway Charter" day-trip for four to fish on Lake Erie and donated by Capt. Fred Forsythe were distributed at our Sept. 29 meeting. As a follow up to the conservation plan prepared by the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association in 2014, our chapter is participating in a water quality monitoring study of the Allegheny River headwaters region in conjunction with UAWA, the Potter County Conservation District and the Three Rivers Quest consortium. The study runs for one year and includes installation of 18 data loggers and two water quality sondes, along with bi-monthly sampling and laboratory analysis at eight locations. The Allegheny mainstem, Mill Creek and their tributaries are included in the study. Installation of the data loggers began Sept. 21. On July 28, Pete Ryan along with the conservation district technician, observed and inspected the Dirt & Gravel Road Program placement of DSA on the West Branch of Digman Run Road. The chapter, upon the request of PATU, sent a letter of support to PFBC for the addition of Nelson Run – a Mill Creek tributary – Peet Brook and Steer Run – both Allegheny River tribs – to Class A Wild Trout designation. Chapter members participated in the CCC Sinnemahoning Snapshot Day on Sept. 26 in which we did water sampling and monitoring in the Upper Sinnemahoning

watershed. Bob Volkmar investigated a complaint from a citizen who was unable to get help from any state agency, so he called our chapter concerning a foamy discharge in Nine Mile Run. We set up a booth and did fly tying demonstrations, played our Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing DVD and distributed informational materials at the Potter County Falling Leaves Outdoor Show in Coudersport Oct. 2-3.

## Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

Bill Bailey

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We are finalizing plans for our annual banquet on Nov. 6, featuring Phil Thomas, habitat project coordinator for PA Eastern Brook Trout Habitat Initiative. Our chapter wrote a letter to PFBC supporting the addition of all proposed Class A and wild trout streams to the existing list. Chapter members assisted with 10 fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. The participants included young children, special needs students, adults from nursing/assisted living homes, a group of vision impaired folks and young people from the Camp Cadet program. Several members instructed fly tying and fly casting at the "Brookies" camp that was held at the Sieg Conference Center. Members instructed fly tying at the Clinton

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

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At our September meeting, the tunnel at Poe Paddy was discussed. Chapter members visited the site and stated work is nearing completion. A letter to members was drafted asking for additional support and meeting attendance. We are looking for new ideas for the meetings and input on possible activities. Our banquet is March 5, 2016 at the Belleville Mennonite School. We are looking into a possible planting at the Little Kish Meadow project. TIC programs are underway. Our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at Lewistown Rec. Center, off Montgomery Ave.

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

**Robert Laubach**

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There were no meetings held in July and August. In September, we held a general discussion and planning meeting for the upcoming year. A new TIC program started at Sunbury Christian Academy. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 18 with PGC Conservation Officer Dirk Remensnyder and a program on latest activities with the PGC. On Dec. 18, Paula Piatt will talk about activities within the eastern shale region.

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

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Past President Judi Sittler was honored with the National TU Distinguished Service Award for Youth at the TU National Meeting in Scranton. John Arway, executive director of PFBC, featured our conservation projects on Spring Creek. Mick McCorcle, chairman of TU's National Leadership Council, featured our chapter as outstanding in his "State of Grassroots" presentation. We have completed three years of projects funded by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation: Constructing a 200-foot muddsill, five multi-log diverters, planting 480 native trees and shrubs and building an interpretive sign at Milesburg; reconstructing two unimproved parking lots so the surface is pervious and directs stormwater away from the stream into swales, constructing two multi-log deflectors and a riparian planting of native plants to cover 3,500 linear feet of the property and building an interpretive kiosk at Fisherman's Paradise; creating a pervious parking lot that restricted vehicle access to the stream while at the same time directing overflow stormwater

under the adjoining road to a swale that dissipated the water at Rock Road while planting 175 native trees and shrubs to improve bank stability; constructing two muddsills of 180 and 200 feet a riparian planting covering 580 linear feet at the Kelly Property in Oak Hall; riparian planting on the far side of Spring Creek covering 2,000 feet of stream with over 1,800 native trees and shrubs of 34 different varieties, plus an additional 245 native trees and shrubs in May 2015 at McCoy Dam; planting 400 native trees and shrubs to cover 800 linear feet of stream at Deer Creek Lane; planting 200 native trees and shrubs over 400 linear feet at Houserville; and installed six in-stream deflectors and 11 brush deflectors in a half-mile section of Spring Creek at the Distillery. Recent educational activities included Y Trout release day at Whipple Dam and a fishing expedition with the YMCA, George Daniel presenting his new book *Strip-Set: Fly-Fishing Techniques, Tactics, Patterns for Streamers*, a fishing day for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Lamar Hatchery, participating in the National TU Teen Summit, meeting with several Penn State classes to work on a multi-media atlas of the Spring Creek Watershed and participating in the Brookies Leadership Camp at the Sieg Center on Fishing Creek. Uma Ramakrishnan from Juniata College will speak about monitoring brown trout movement using radio trackers at our next meeting on Nov. 5. Our Fishing with the Veterans service program is Nov. 8 from 1-6 p.m. at Fisherman's Paradise.

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### **Susquehanna Chapter #044**

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Remaining inventory of the E. Hille Fly Shop was donated to the chapter. Sorting and organizing takes place twice monthly in preparation for eventual sale. A Project Healing Waters chapter was started in March and meets bi-weekly. Our next chapter meeting is Nov. 10 at First Presbyterian Church, Williamsport.

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### **Tiadaghton Chapter #688**

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The chapter received the Gold Trout Award at the TU National Meeting for work in our extensive stream monitoring programs. We are involved in a culvert replacement project on the right branch of Asaph Run. We continue to monitor six headwater tributaries to Little Pine Creek as part of our EAS grant. Biological and chemical assessments are done in tributaries to establish baseline data in anticipation of future Marcellus drilling. Chapter volunteers have been assisting USGS fisheries biologists with stream surveys on four tributaries of March Creek. We partnered with a group in support of the \$10 million Fallbrook

mine acid remediation project in progress on the upper Tioga River, above Blossburg. We manned educational/informational tables in August and September in down town Wellsboro during First Friday events. The chapter assisted Liberty Elementary School teacher Jen McCarthy with in-stream TIC projects.

### **NORTHWEST CHAPTERS**

**Allegheny Mountain 036**

**Caldwell Creek 437**

**Cornplanter 526**

**Iron Furnace 288**

**Jim Zwald 314**

**Neshannock 216**

**Northwest PA 041**

**Oil Creek 424**

**Seneca 272**

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### **Allegheny Mountain Chapter #036**

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A banquet planning meeting to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our chapter will be Nov. 11 at Martin's Community Room. We had a habitat biologists survey two streams for projects. We will need to repair the Wolf Run project due to erosion on the log vanes. We will be submitting plans for bank stabilization on Wilson Run in Clearfield County. We are working with National TU on Hartshorn Run in the West Branch of the Susquehanna River drainage. The chapter had stations at both Clearfield and Jefferson County youth field days. The chapter helped with the fishing event at the Clearfield County Conservation District's conservation celebration at Curwensville Dam.

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### **Caldwell Creek Chapter #437**

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We assisted PFBC personnel for two days in electroshocking Caldwell Creek to assess the fall fingerling stocking program that was being tested for three years. We completed four successful TIC

programs in the spring. The chapter sponsored an attendee to the Rivers Conservation and Youth Fly Fishing Camp, and had two attendees at Wayne's Coldwater Kids. We participated in Glenn Mead Days in Corry in August with fly casting and tying instruction.

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### **Cornplanter Chapter #526**

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Cornplanter TU was on summer break from June through August and started meeting again in September. In May, we met for a cookout and evening of fishing on Brokenstraw Creek.

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### **Iron Furnace Chapter #288**

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Porcupine watershed culverts have been replaced and now allow fish passage to 100 percent of the watershed. Special thanks to Bruce Dickson for all his hard work on the grant end of the project and for making sure it all went smoothly. Also, thanks go out to Venango County Conservation District for taking on the administration end of the grant. We are still working with all parties involved with the Piney Creek property that is in our name. We hope to find a viable solution to removing the property from our name in the coming year. We will be working with Boy Scouts to repair the deflector at the Brookville fly fishing area on North Fork. More rock will be added to replace what has been washed away over the past couple of years. TIC is about to kick into gear at all our local schools.

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The chapter did not meet in June, July and August. We resumed meetings on Sept. 29 in Saint Marys Area Middle School library. The property owner adjacent to our Bendigo Park project has given us permission to access on their land before the project begins. The chapter refined conceptual plans for the habitat project on the East Branch of the Clarion River inside Bendigo Park near the former dam site. In addition, a local contractor agreed to collect and store approximately 50 trees with root ball structures intact for the habitat. The chapter discussed with Elk and Cameron County conservation district personnel the need for further studies on the West Creek tributary of the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnemahoning. There appears to be several abandoned mine sites that are discharging into the stream during high

water incidents. In addition, there are several areas where sedimentation seems to be a problem. This area is currently being developed as a "Rails to Trails" extension from Cameron to Elk County. We submitted letters of support and appreciation to PFBC for its consideration for Wild Trout status for Little Dents Run and Cherry Run. The chapter was notified that the four un-named tributaries of Wykoff Run were added to the classification list.

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Our annual banquet will be in March at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. The chapter was the beneficiary of an Eagle Scout project completed by Billy Reig of Troop #65. He and troop members did a lot of work cleaning up the Coolspring trail and removed the debris left behind by the recent logging activity. They also repaired and rebuilt several of the old stream deflectors and made improvements to the parking areas along the DHALO area. All participating schools in the TIC program are returning this year and have added two new programs in the Sharon School District, with help from the Shenango Riverwatchers. We participated in Buhl Day on Sept. 29 with several members giving demonstrations on fly tying and fly fishing to the students attending. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 23 and Dec. 21 at Penn State Shenango.

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We laid groundwork for another fly fishing film festival on Feb. 27 at the Tom Ridge Center in Erie. Our next chapter meeting is Nov. 17 at Erie Elks Lodge.

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We have done some preliminary planning for our annual banquet next April 2. We continued with our habitat improvement projects on Little Sandy Creek. Starting July 29, eight more stream devices were installed. The stream banks were also re-seeded. This was a joint effort of Oil Creek TU, the Venango Conservation District and PFBC. More work is planned for next year. We retrieved the data logger from Sandy Creek, but on Little Sandy Creek the cable to the logger had corroded and we were unable to locate it. We again participated in the Venango County Youth Field Day on June 21. We continue to sponsor TIC and

have provided another spare chiller for Meadville Middle School. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 18 and Dec. 16 at King's Restaurant, Franklin.

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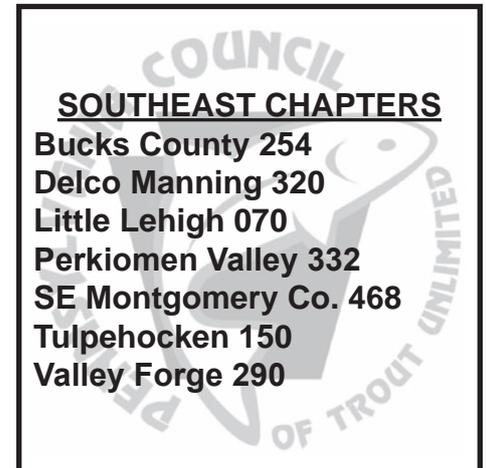
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The chapter's annual member/guest dinner was Oct. 22 at the Westline Inn. This summer, the chapter helped support the Boondocs Program with various streambank stabilization structures coordinated by the McKean County Conservation District.



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Our chapter is sponsoring a Trout in the Classroom project at a local high school.

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A new board and officers were elected in September, and Paula Piatt spoke about unassessed waters. October speaker was Chari Towne from the Schuylkill Riverkeepers, who talked about efforts to improve water quality in the watershed. November and December meetings will feature fly tying. Members attended four TIC release days in

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May, and all four schools are in the program again this year. Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month from September to May.

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Our annual picnic was Sept. 19 at Lorimer Park, Abington Township. Two Philadelphia schools that had previously participated in TIC were not able to participate due to a lack of funds in the school district.

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**Tulpehocken Chapter #150**

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President Dan Shaffer attended this past quarter's PFBC meeting in Harrisburg in order to lobby for catch and release on the Tully. He also attended the TU National Meeting in Scranton and volunteered to be part of the Tailwater initiative by the National Leadership Council. Shaffer and Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer volunteered their time at Cabela's where Marsha Bennvengo held her annual fundraising barbecue for Casting for Recovery. Finally, Shaffer was a River Keeper at the 13th Annual Casting for Recovery Retreat at the Sky Top Lodge. The chapter continues to host Breakfast on the Tully, where we serve a full breakfast for a donation of \$6. We also held a raffle electronically this year through Raffel River, which made tracking sales very easy. "Raffel Tickets" were distributed to the members, but most of our sales were credit sales through the RR website. The chapter, along with Berks Nature (formerly the Berks County Conservancy), and the City of Reading are working toward the removal of the Bushong Dam which is the first dam on the Tully near the confluence of the Schuylkill River. It is approximately 170 feet long and was an old mill dam with a mill race loaded with rusted beams, cogs and wheels. Measurements and plans have been drawn up for three large deflectors below the confluence of the Cacoosing Creek into the Tully. The chapter held a large meeting to kick off our Unassessed Waters Initiative. Folks from the Maiden Creek Watershed Association and many

members were asked to look for wild trout in 21 streams, mostly in the Maiden Creek watershed. Our TIC program continues to grow and we will be adding three more schools this year: Daniel Boons, Wilson Middle School and in downtown Reading the I-Lead school. We are very fortunate to receive a grant from the Berks County Community Foundation to support the TIC program for inner-city schools. TIC releases were very successful this year. We had up to 120 students for a day of education and fun at our local parks on Hay Creek and Tulpehocken Creek. The chapter also provided a fly fishing clinic at the Tully House. Students learned about trout lies, macroinvertebrates, equipment, on-stream bug identification, fly casting basics, a couple hours of fishing and lunch. We will be applying for multiple grants to support habitat projects. Fishing the Manatawny - Sky Blue Outfitters will be held Nov. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Chef Alan's, West Reading. We also have a meeting there at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 16.

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**Valley Forge Chapter #290**

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A new meeting location has been established at Great Valley Middle School on Phoenixville Pike in Malvern. Meetings are 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of the month from September through May. A member survey has been finalized, designed and printed to mail. Robbi Freisem attended the TU National Meeting in Scranton and the Sportsmen Rally for Clean Water at Snitz Brewery in Lebanon on July 13. One of the tributaries to Valley Creek has been named Lambert Run in memory of Brian Lambert, past resources manager at Valley Forge National Historical Park, and instrumental partner in early work done to make Valley Creek what it is today. The next Trout Show will take place in March 2016. Pete Goodman is featured in a video by Penn Environment in support of the Clean Water Rule (CWR) and Waters of the US (WOTUS). Goodman, Karl Heine, Frank Donohoe, Andy Pancoast and Freisem attended a meeting between DEP and the PA Turnpike Commission on the Turnpike reconstruction (expansion) project held in July. The PTC had just the day before submitted a new plan to DEP which continues to put most of the additional storm water that will be created by the widening into Valley Creek and neighborhood

basements. Goodman acted as the major chapter spokesperson and also included an evaluation of the plan by consulting group Meliora Design in the follow-up communication to DEP. TIC programs have increased. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing has both in-patient (Coatesville VA) and out-patient programs operating. In August, Freisem and Rod Horton attended a seminar at Stroud Water Resources on Stream Ecological Services & Forested Riparian Buffers coordinated by Donegal TU and Lancaster County Conservancy.

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The chapter designed stream maps of eight approved trout waters for Adams County, which were sold as a fundraiser. Our 33rd annual banquet is scheduled for early next year. ACTU partnered with NoVTU on Aug. 1 to repair older devices installed in the '80s. Mudsills were removed and reinstalled utilizing 44 tons of shotrock. New signs were posted in the fly fishing stretch. A new cable was installed above the Route 34 bridge with new signs posted for fly fishing only, catch & release. We have three new schools in the TIC program, bringing the total number to 10 schools. Southcentral Outdoors for Youth (started in 1992) was held on June 6 at the McSherrystown Fish and Game with 196 kids attending. Chapter members instructed fly tying station and fishing station for the day. ACTU presented the Conocoheague Creek habitat improvement project at the PFBC Habitat and Environmental Committee meeting.

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Our chapter hosted the 2015 Fly Fishing Film Tour in late September. The event featured a silent auction, craft beer tasting and more. We are looking into a new opportunity to work with a local youth on his Eagle Scout project. The project would involve the restoration of a section of stream where previous improvement measures have fallen into disrepair. The contract with the state for our Growing Greener project was completed recently, and we hope to get the design phase of the project underway in the near future. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 11 and Dec. 9 at Spring Grove Rec. Center.

## Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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On July 15, Brian Shumaker spoke about fly fishing for smallmouth on the Susquehanna and we discussed the success of June's Rivers Conservation and Youth Camp and reviewed an upcoming project on Trindle Springs. Our summer picnic was Aug. 21 with a record turnout. Our guest speaker for September was Bill Anderson, president of the Little Juniata River Association, who talked about the Little J and the work the Association has been doing to document brown trout movements within the system. We helped complete the project on Trindle Springs and are also trying to finalize a project on the Yellow Breeches. We continue to grow our TIC program and are now up to 11 classrooms within our area. We are currently working with the Chesapeake Bay foundation for grant money to complete work on the Yellow Breeches. Our upcoming members meeting is Nov. 18 at Allenberry Resort.

## Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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The chapter's annual conservation banquet is April 9, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. During June, the chapter completed a project in the children/disabled anglers only special regulation water on Clarks Creek. The 500-foot stream project improved and stabilized banks that increased holding areas for fish. George Daniel spoke at our Sept. 22 meeting at Giant Food Community Center and our stream restoration project was highlighted during our Oct. 3 meeting. Weekly diversion well maintenance occurs on Mondays.

## Donegal Chapter #037

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We have formed a committee to review processes and procedures such as our bylaws and strategic plan. The first meeting was Sept. 16. As of September 2015, 55 of our 723 members are women. We are very proud of the progress we have made under the leadership of Faye Haering, our women's initiative coordinator. The Russel Lloyd Property restoration is now 50 percent complete. We are beginning to address maintenance of completed project sites. Weed infestation on some of our sites has become a real issue. Equipment for four new TIC schools was installed, bringing our total number of schools in the program to eight. Our youth fly fishing clinic was Sept. 16. Our ladies fly fishing clinic was Sept. 16 and Oktoberfest was Oct. 21.

## Falling Spring Chapter #234

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The chapter's banquet was Oct. 24 at the Landis-McLeaf Marine Corps Banquet Facility on Grant Street in Chambersburg. We are fighting the construction of a hog farm above Big Cove Creek in Fulton County. The proposed farm will house 8,700 animals producing 11.2 million gallons of waste annually that will be spread across fields in the county. Local Boy Scout Jordan Bender was awarded his Eagle Scout rank as a result of his project that put new fencing at two parking areas along the Falling Spring, Spring View Drive and Briar Lane. He developed a project model that included fencing quotes, design layout and permitting from PFBC. Our annual eight-week fly tying course starts in January.

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Our banquet was Aug. 22. Fly tying classes run Jan. 9 through March 5.

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Fundraisers for the quarter included volunteering at three York Revolution baseball games. We also had a stand at the Red Lion Street Fair selling water and chapter merchandise. Planning and preliminary work started at the Bonham Preserve where we are partnering with the Conservation Society of York County. A trout egg incubator was installed and is in operation. The chapter

participated in the Watershed Alliance of York's "Watershed Weekend" by holding an open house and conducting educational tours at the Bonham Preserve.

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The chapter has a Hulings Run AMD reclamation project in process and we acquired a \$125,000 grant to help. We have five schools involved in TIC and we're looking at adding three more. Our Christmas party is Dec. 17 at Mantini's Clubhouse.

## Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670

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As we continue to celebrate our 20th anniversary we are saddened by the loss of one of the chapter's founders, Tom Shetterly, who passed in May 2015. He was a driving force in many of CRTU's activities and held numerous leadership positions over the years. His work in resource management and protection and the cooperative trout nursery will be sorely missed. We have received grants for the 2016 Yough River Symposium. A steering committee is currently working on the symposium schedule. Plans continue for relocating a section of road in Dunbar Creek's fly

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fishing only project. This cooperative effort by CRTU, the Fayette County Conservation District, the PGC and Dunbar Township will be completed under the Dirt & Gravel Roads Program and will significantly reduce sedimentation runoff into the stream. We have 22 TIC projects active in our area. Coupled with shared programs with the DCNR staff at Ohiopyle State Park, Boy Scouts of America and the Fayette County Conservation District we have reached more than 1,000 young people in 2015.

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We completed annual maintenance of a limestone acid remediation site in Linn Run State Park. The chapter conducted a "Selfie on the Stream" contest to educate PA and tourist anglers about the trout streams of southwestern PA along the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail.

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A FBTU fundraising picnic was held Aug. 22 at Egolf Park with about 60 attendees. Walt Young and Dave McMullen provided informative and entertaining presentations on fly tying and casting. August 17-19, members assisted in the installation of two large log-framed deflectors, three root wads and three multi-log vanes on Little Wills Creek to improve trout habitat, reduce stream bank erosion and protect a township road. Members presented a program for campers and visitors to Blue Knob State Park on Aug. 29 at Burnt House Picnic Area. Attendees participated in a macroinvertebrate sampling, fly tying and fly casting.

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Chapter members and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy assisted PFBC with a stream survey/assessment of Bear Run, a tributary of Murry Run and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River. The watershed continues to show improvement with the completion of the final phase of AMD

remediation projects. We were scheduled to meet with the Indiana County Conservation District, PASEC and DEP to develop a source water protection plan in October.

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We did Ben's Creek bank stabilization and restoration Aug. 21-22. Upcoming monthly meetings are Nov. 11 and Dec. 8 at the Gander Mountain Lodge.

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We held a Pine Creek clean up on Aug. 15. TIC is starting for the year and Christian Shane is once again running a program at McKnight Elementary. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 9 and Dec. 14 at Grazie!, 100 Village Run Road, Wexford. Bar Flies will be held Nov. 23 and Dec. 28 at the same location.