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## Annual Meeting set for Bedford County

Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 18, for the PA Council of Trout Unlimited Annual Membership Meeting.

The meeting will be held at the Hall at Kinton's Knob (located at 6441 Lincoln Highway, Bedford, PA) beginning at 9 a.m. Cost to register is \$35 and includes coffee, snacks and lunch.

President Greg Malaska will give the State of PATU address followed by updates on programs, advocacy and issues that staff and volunteer leaders have been engaged in over the last year. We will also hear updates from the chapters that are present, hold elections and announce the annual award winners. The day will conclude

**See page 5 for more info on the Annual Membership Meeting at the Hall at Kinton's Knob, Bedford.**  
Deadline to register is September 11.

with a raffle.

To view the agenda, see more information on lodging, and access the online registration form, please visit the PATU website: [www.patrou.org/events/patu-annual-membership-meeting](http://www.patrou.org/events/patu-annual-membership-meeting). We kindly ask that you register no later than Saturday, Sept. 11. If you have questions or require assistance registering, contact Rachel Kester (c-rkester@pa.gov).

### ❖ ❖ ❖ Bedford County home to some quality trout fishing

By Len Lichvar

Co-Chairman PATU Trout Policy Committee

If you are arriving early, or perhaps staying for the weekend in Bedford County as part of your participation in the PATU annual meeting, there are some of the finest angling water in the state located within a short radius of the event site.

What is not commonly understood is that he same limestone underground formation  
See **BEDFORD**, page 4

## Ladies leading the way for PATU

By Judi Sittler

TU Board of Trustees member

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Spring Creek TU Youth Education Chair

National TU sees the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited and its 49 chapters as a very active and dedicated Council with hardworking local chapters.

As a member of PATU's Women, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, I am excited to see that not only do we have two new female vice presidents on PATU Council, we also have three women serv-

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Contributed Photo

Pictured from left are Amidea Daniel, Jessica Kester, Mandy Nix, Judi Sittler and Nora Cline during a Trout Unlimited STREAM Girls presentation.

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# Forever Wild grant proposals now being accepted year-round

Council is pleased to announce that Forever Wild grant proposals are now being accepted on a continuous basis throughout the year. Chapters can request up to \$2,500 toward projects such as:

- In-stream habitat improvements to benefit wild trout
- Riparian buffer restoration along wild trout streams
- Streambank stabilization of wild trout waters
- Education, outreach, and training programs and materials focused on coldwater resource conservation which are designed to educate the public, engage new members, and increase chapter capacity

- Sampling equipment for specific stream monitoring and survey projects
- Stream assessment or research projects

Council expects to award between \$10,000 and \$15,000 annually in Forever Wild mini-grants to chapters for projects that conserve wild trout resources across the state. Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until annual funding is expended.

More information, along with the application form can be found on the PATU website: <https://patrout.org/index.php/programs>.

## LADIES

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ing as chapter presidents. The Oil City chapter has Jennifer Lyons, the Spring Creek TU has Jamie SanFilippo and Tulpehocken TU has Brenda Bittinger, who is also one of Council VP's.

Out of the 49 chapters in Pennsylvania, 22 of those chapters have at least one woman serving as a board member. I know that all of our PA chapters strive to work diligently to strengthen their chapter's work. By having a diverse chapter board and chapter volunteers helping to move the TU mission forward we can accomplish a lot. I talk with many chapter leaders and to a person, chapter leaders are dedicated to the TU mission. The work can be hard and it is rewarding.

I believe that each chapter's continued strength and sustainability lies within our ability to diversify leadership. The leaders help to plan, implement and communicate the important work our chapters do for the benefit of coldwater resources and the communities that rely on them.

I am passionate about the TU mission. I believe that women and other diverse community members who show an interest in TU, in fishing, and/or conservation are an asset to TU's mission. I believe that if current chapter leaders lend a help-

ing and welcoming hand to diverse community members, like women, then, after participating in a few programs/projects, those members will step up to the plate if asked, to be even more of an asset and become leaders within the chapter. In order to carry out the conservation mission, we need to be addressing and including a younger and more diverse audience.

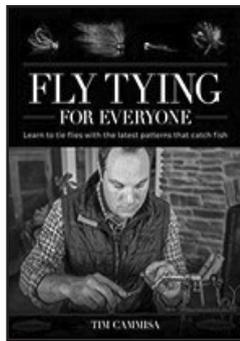
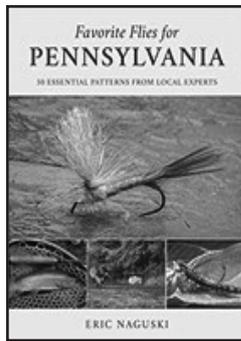
I would like to suggest a challenge to chapters that currently do not have a woman serving on their boards or on any of their committees, to invite at least one female into a leadership position by 2022. For those of you who already have women in leadership positions, plan to add to that number. As we continue to strengthen our ties within our communities, our chapters, our partners and our waters, TU and its mission will be strengthened.

To learn more about how your chapter can engage more women or diverse audiences as leaders, please visit the PATU Women, Diversity and Inclusion website at <https://patuwdi.weebly.com/>

You can also contact me or the PATU WDI co-chairs for ideas on how to engage more women as leaders in your chapter.

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# Council adds 3 new items to merchandise collection

In addition to the new “Back the Brookie” license plates and PATU T-shirts and hats introduced a couple of months ago, we have added the following new items now available for purchase online at <https://patrout.org/index.php/merchandise> using PayPal, or by downloading an order form and mailing with your check or money order. The form is also located on page 11.

## Official PATU Tote Bags

This deluxe heavy duty canvas tote bag measures 18 ½” long x 12” high by 5 ½” wide and features an open pocket on the outside and a zippered pocket on the inside. Plenty of room for toting your extra gear, meeting materials, groceries, or whatever, with added security for your phone or other valuables inside the bag.

## “Favorite Flies for Pennsylvania” by Eric Naguski

The second in a new Stackpole Books series featuring 50 important flies from PA,

tyed by anglers with close ties and knowledge of their local waters. This volume, by angling expert Eric Naguski, showcases flies that work well on PA’s diverse waters and pays tribute to the region he knows so well. Though not a tying manual, each fly is featured in a spread that includes a large, easy-to-see image, recipe, and tying notes.

## “Fly Tying for Everyone” by Tim Cammisa

Learn a broad range of techniques for dry flies, streamers, and wet flies by tying the modern flies that everyone is talking about. Author Tim Cammisa teaches you how to tie these simple but effective patterns and then how to take the techniques you’ve learned and use them for most of the other core patterns—old and new—that should be in your box. Includes information on the latest materials, tying tips from other tiers, and 16 patterns with recipes and complete step-by-step instructions.

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that feeds the legendary waters of the Cumberland Valley actually extend westward in a narrow belt and create the same fertility in many of Bedford County's waterways.

Yellow Creek is the best known and often most popular for a variety of reasons. Of course the Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only section is an automatic draw for visiting anglers. A parking lot, directional signage, porta potty and a memorial along with outstanding trout holding water that includes runs, riffles and pools all combine to make this section alluring to fly anglers.

Although the water upstream of the village of Loysburg is private and angling is by permission only and downstream some water is controlled by a private club that caters to the angling elite, there are still many miles of Yellow Creek water, that just like the FFO project, are well populated with wild brown trout.

The designated Class A wild brown trout in the project section and upstream of it far surpasses the biomass required for the designation. Despite that Class A ranking it continues to be stocked by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission with hatchery rainbow and brook trout. The stream also continues to receive stocked trout further downstream outside the Class A sections as well.

Yellow Creek's hatches are outstanding and the water is fishable all year. For September success longtime Yellow Creek angler and president of the Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited Randy Buchanan recommends, "For surface action try a small tan caddis and watch for some blue winged olives on cool and cloudy days. For underneath activity try small nymphs in the deeper runs."

Potter Creek, a pure limestone fed creek and tributary to Yellow Creek, provides a different and more technical angling experience. This small meadow stream is not stocked and is home to another exceeding the threshold for Class A wild brown trout fishery. However, the wary trout are not easily fooled and are quickly spooked. Short accurate casts are essential. In September you need a day with Blue Wing Olives to bring the fish up or casting



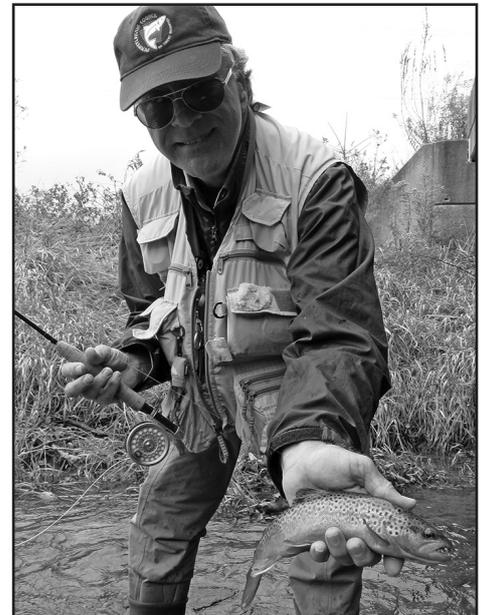
Len Lichvar Photos

**Above, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Area 7 Fisheries Manager Bryan Chikotas holds a Yellow Creek wild brown trout during the Commission's fish survey on the stream in July. Below, Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited President Randy Buchanan with a Potter Creek wild brown trout.**

beetles, ants or hoppers close to the grass lined banks is the other alternative. Just like Yellow Creek all the land is privately owned, but most landowners are very tolerant of anglers because since it is not stocked, has no special regulations and is challenging, they see very few.

Very similar to Potter Creek, Cove Creek near the village of Rainsburg, flows through agriculture land. The upper sections are home to wild brook and brown trout and further downstream there are always holdover stocked fish. Although also all private land much of it is open to angling although some landowners clearly request no fishing on Sundays.

Yet another waterway that boasts both outstanding wild trout and stocked trout opportunities is Bobs Creek. The upper reaches that flow through State Game Lands 26 is an excellent wild brown trout fishery and the lower reaches are heavily stocked in spring. Unlike other waters much of Bob's Creek flows through public land and is readily available for easy access. Another great attribute is that by summer and Autumn Bobs Creek is usually devoid of anglers making the less pressured wild brown trout and holdover



stocked trout opportunistic feeders to a properly placed offering.

To learn more about these waters and how best to fish and locate them secure a copy of the book "Keystone Fly Fishing" written by multiple regional authors or the book "Fly Fishers Guide to Pennsylvania" by the late Tom Gilmore. You can also locate detailed maps and access points on the PFBC website at [www.fishandboat.com](http://www.fishandboat.com).

# 2021 PATU Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 18, 2021

**The Hall at Kinton's Knob  
6441 Lincoln Highway  
Bedford, PA 15522**

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

**9 a.m.** – Introductions (Greg Malaska, President)

**9:05 a.m.** – PFBC Updates (Tim Schaeffer, Executive Director – PFBC)

**9:25 a.m.** – State of CHP (Rachel Kester, CHP Program Director)

**9:45 a.m.** – State of PATU (Greg Malaska, President)

**10:30 a.m.** – Council Elections

**10:45 a.m.** –Break

**11 a.m.** – Presentation (Fort Bedford Chapter)

**11:30 a.m.** – Advocacy Update (Jen Orr-Greene/Emily Baldauff)

**12 p.m.** – Class A Update (Len Lichvar/Dave Rothrock)

**12:15 p.m.** – Lunch

**1:15 p.m.** – Chapter Updates

**2:15 p.m.** – Chapter Awards

**2:45 p.m.** – Raffle

## DETAILS

**Location:** The Hall at Kinton's Knob, 6441 Lincoln Highway, Bedford, PA 15522

**Cost & Registration:** Cost to register is \$35 and includes coffee, snacks and lunch. Register at the PATU website: <https://patrout.org/events/patu-annual-membership-meeting> no later than Saturday, Sept. 11.

**Lodging:** Omni Bedford Springs Resort (6 miles from meeting location), Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott (3 miles), Super 8 by Wyndham (3 miles), Hampton Inn (3 miles), Judy's Motel (4 miles), Quality Inn (6 miles), Woodhaven Bed and Breakfast (7 miles), Horn's Cabins (3 miles), Shawnee State Park Campground (7 miles), Blue Knob State Park Camping/Cabins/Rental Cottages (21 miles), Friendship Village Campground (2 miles).

**Questions:** Rachel Kester, PATU program director, at [c-rkester@pa.gov](mailto:c-rkester@pa.gov).

## **A note on Bedford's Yellow Creek...**

By Len Lichvar

*Co-Chairman PATU Trout Policy Committee*

The Class A designated water on Bedford County's Yellow Creek is one of 13 designated Class A waters that are still stocked with hatchery trout by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

The decision to continue this planting of hatchery fish over wild trout was recommended by PFBC Fisheries staff and approved by the Commission's Board of Commissioners in 2015. The vote was not unanimous.

In 2021 the PFBC Bureau of Fisheries staff is revisiting this management decision by surveying the wild trout populations in all 13 sections of water. The agency is also gathering opinions from the anglers who utilize these waters.

When both the resource and social data is gathered and analyzed the Fisheries staff will bring the information to a future PFBC Commission meeting in order for the Board of Commissioners to determine to continue the current management or alter it.

When this time comes it will be imperative for PATU and other stakeholders to voice their opinion in regard to that decision. The PATU Trout Policy Committee will devise detailed comments and will enlist the chapters and individual members to follow that lead which will place what is best for the wild trout resource at the forefront.

## **Council seeks donations for Annual Meeting raffle**

Continuing the tradition of previous PATU annual meetings, we will once again this year be featuring a raffle for items donated by our chapters.

In order to make this a successful effort, we are asking each chapter to donate at least one item for the raffle.

Chapter representatives can bring their

items to the meeting, or if you are unable to attend in person, you can mail your items to Bob Pennell at 2319 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104, to be received no later than Sept. 16.

Contact Bob at [rpennell37@comcast.net](mailto:rpennell37@comcast.net) or 717-395-5124 with questions.

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# Headwaters

A message from PATU President  
Greg Malaska

## The Great Northwest Passage

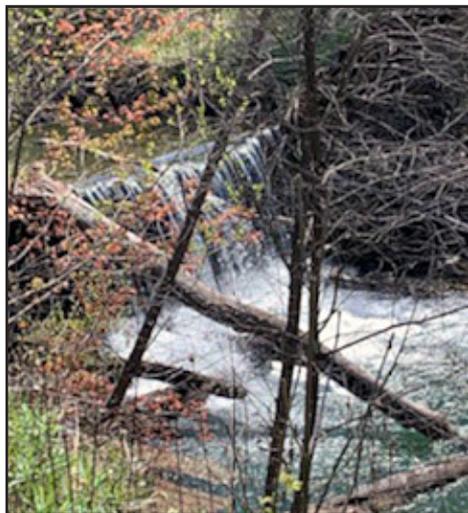
When I was elected President of PATU in September of 2018, I tasked myself with meeting all 49 chapters. After thousands of miles and hundreds of hours in the car (first in my 2014 Honda CRV and then in my 2016 Subaru Forester), I finally concluded my quest... 16 months early.

By the beginning of 2020, I was on a roll, closing in on 30 chapters, then I ran into a global pandemic and was stuck in neutral for 10 months. As the new year began, I began meeting virtually with chapters and by mid-May I had met with 43 of our 49 chapters, either in person or virtually. Once the restrictions began to lift (and after my vaccination), I set out to finish my quest, in a responsible, socially-distanced fashion.

The final leg involved meeting with six northwest chapters in seven days.

I turned the trip timer to 0 around 5:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, en route to meet Codey Schlemmer in DuBois. If you haven't met Codey yet, he's... energetic. He reminds me of myself about 25 years ago. Codey gave me a grand tour of Clearfield and Jefferson Counties, showcasing the great work of one of our oldest chapters, Allegheny Mountain. We first visited a proposed dam removal on Clover Run (see at right) and a stream improvement project on Big Run. We then roadtripped to Glen Hazen to fish the East Branch of the Clarion for a few hours. After such a great day, I owed Codey dinner... and not at Arby's (inside joke, just ask him). Codey and I ate at Denny's Beer Barrel Pub in Clearfield and, yes, I did eat an entire pound of Cow (isn't it beautiful?).

The next day, I drove up to Clarion to catch up with a good friend who I haven't seen in way too long. Mark Hanes (who should be called the "The Clinic") and I fished in Venango County, looking for wild rainbows in Porcupine Creek. Fishing was tough, but we saw some great water during my first trip in that area. After a rehydration at Edge of the Wilds Brewery, Mark and



Greg Malaska Photos

I had dinner with a few officers from the Iron Furnace Chapter in Clarion.

The next day, I was on the road early to get to the most prolific hatch factory in NW PA, Oil Creek. It was much larger than I would have expected, but I still had some fun with the emerging caddis. Afterward, I met up with the Oil Creek Chapter in Franklin to discuss their post-COVID challenges. Right after dinner, I hit the road to get to the big city before dark (and to catch the end of the Capitals playoff game).

The next day was an Erie adventure. I

spent a productive day with Karl Weixlmann on Presque Isle Bay. We hit smallies and a few pike throughout the day, but more importantly, I got my first Musky follow, whereby I proceeded to wet the bed. Forty-inch fish have an effect on a guy!

After I got off the boat, I beelined to Youngsville to picnic with the Cornplanter Chapter. I got some casting lessons from Gary Kell, learned a lot about Chief Cornplanter and the construction of Kinzua Dam, and discussed the Chapter's plans for

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# Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer  
Russell Thrall

While activities tend to slow down a bit in the summertime as people take vacations or a day off here or there to enjoy the warm weather, PATU has been hard at work planning for several upcoming events including the Sept. 18 PATU Annual Meeting and the Keystone Coldwater Conference next February.

The Annual Meeting is being held at the Hall at Hinton's Knob in Bedford on Sept. 18. I want to shout out to Rylan Schnably from the Fort Bedford Chapter and thank him for providing his local knowledge and helping us find facilities and recommendations on catering and hotel options in the area. When you're trying to set up a meeting from halfway across the state it's always helpful to have some local insight and Rylan went above and beyond to help.

I urge you to attend the meeting, and take part in the opportunities to learn some new things, celebrate our successes and meet TU volunteer leaders from around

the state. Look for complete details on the Annual Meeting on page 1.

We set up online registration for the meeting using TU National's new event registration system. That's a first for us and it looks like it should streamline event registration and accounting processes on both the front-end and back-end.

I would appreciate your feedback on how it worked for you and you'll want to keep any eye out for TU volunteer training opportunities on the event tool and check it out for your chapter as it continues to roll out.

As I mentioned above, planning is ongoing for the Keystone Coldwater Conference. For now, save the dates of Feb. 25-26.

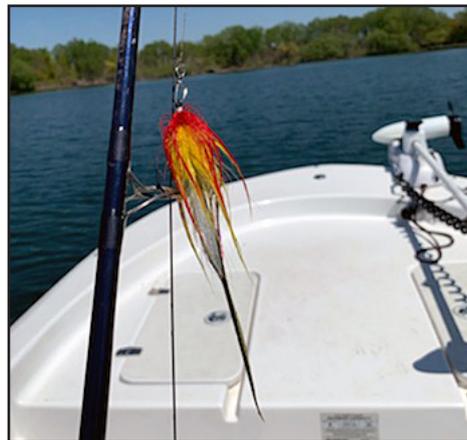
The meeting will again be held at the Ramada Inn in State College that has been the venue for recent events. More details will come via email and in the next edition of *PA Trout*.

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2021 in the Warren County region.

Early the next morning, I headed up the road to Columbus to meet with Tommy Savko and several other volunteers from the Caldwell Creek Chapter (Hint – they do a lot more work in the Brokenstraw watershed). We did some water quality testing amongst the omnipresent gas operations in western Warren and Eastern Erie counties.

After heading back to the chapter's "lab," I hit the road to Lamar to meet up with Rick Nyles and Dave Rothrock, who, through Sky Blue Outfitters, were hosting the winner of SBO's raffle to fish with TU CEO Chris Wood. We fished with Stan from Carlisle on two different streams and tried to beat the oppressive heat. Chris arrived the next morning and we spent a great day on Spring Creek. It was Chris's first trip to this gem and his first taste of Spring Creek's sulphur hatch. It got off to a slow start, but then really took off near dark. We enjoyed some great fishing and even better conservation that night before getting back to reality. Thanks to Rick, Stan, Dave, SBO and Chris for a great ex-



perience whose proceeds will go to PATU's Forever Wild program.

On Friday, May 21, I met for lunch with several members of the RB Winter Chapter at the Union County Sportsman's Club (What a facility!). We discussed recent issues before the PFBC as well as their plans for the upcoming year. We had some frank communication about how Council can work better with our chapters. This was the biggest takeaway from my 49th and final chapter visit. Message received; challenge accepted.

I arrived home later that day to greet

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- Hokendauqua

## In Memoriam

- In memory of Raymond Russell Andre



my kids and celebrate my 17th wedding anniversary with my wonderful wife, Mary Kay.

One-thousand, one-hundred and forty-four miles in seven days. Too much road food and caffeine – but what an experience!

I want to salute all 49 chapters for their passion and dedication to their local streams. We live in a truly magnificent state and take pride in our duty to protect its world class fisheries.

Thanks for all you do...AND SEE YOU IN PERSON IN SEPTEMBER!

# Volunteers breathe life into broken trout waters

*Editor's Note: Each year at its annual banquet, the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association – of which PATU is a supporting member – presents its Excellence in Craft Awards. These awards recognize POWA members for their outstanding work during the previous calendar year. PATU has been a longtime sponsor of the “Trout and the Coldwater Resource Award.” This article authored by outdoor writer Tyler Frantz – published in Pennsylvania Angler & Boater, January/February 2020 and reprinted here with permission – was selected as this year's winner.*

By Tyler Frantz  
Doc Fritchey TU

It's an amazing story of commitment, dedication and teamwork – one that's more than 30 years old, and continues to be scripted each week in the remote pages of Saint Anthony's Wilderness. It's a story of a crippled but rehabilitated trout stream, the delicate life that thrives at the hands of its keepers, and the devoted few that faithfully pledge to sustain it – humbly, dutifully and with care. Without a doubt, it's a story worth sharing.

St. Anthony's Wilderness, located in Dauphin and Lebanon Counties, is the largest forested wilderness adjacent to a metropolitan and suburban area in the nation. Situated within 30 miles of more than 700,000 citizens and just a three-hour drive from approximately 7,000,000 people, the heartbeat of this 44,373-acre wilderness is a waterway known as Stony Creek.

“Stony Creek Valley is a special place,” Lebanon County native Larry Herr said. “Where else can you find something so unique so close to that many people? There's a lot of history in that valley, including an abandoned railroad, the Appalachian Trail, and four ghost towns. If it's not preserved for the future, it will be lost.”

Thankfully, there's a conservation collaborative that determinedly breathes fresh life into the heart of Stony Valley on a regular basis – and that pulse flows outward.

Located just north of the old railroad bridge over Rausch Creek in Pennsylvania



Tyler Frantz Photo

**DFTU members inspect the Rausch Creek Diversion Well, which treats the largest tributary of Stony Creek in Dauphin County to provide healthy water conditions for trout inhabiting the stream.**

State Game Lands #211 is believed to be the first limestone diversion well ever built in the United States, which has helped neutralize acidic water flowing from Stony Creek's largest tributary to support the main stem for more than three decades.

The Dauphin Chapter of Trout Unlimited in conjunction with the PA Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Unit of Penn State University began construction of the original circular well in 1986. Then in 2000, volunteers of Trout Unlimited's Doc Fritchey Chapter, successor of the Dauphin Chapter, completed a second square well. The intakes are positioned so that the circular well functions year round, and the square well is activated during periods of high stream flow.

Patterned after a Swedish design, part of Rausch Creek's flow is diverted from the primary stream channel to a treatment structure approximately 100 yards downstream via two intake pipes, which feed the water through pressurized nozzles into limestone gravel. These highly alkaline limestone particles reenter the stream and chemically react to neutralize acidic water originating upstream from old coal mine drainages and acid rainfall.

Treating this water results in significant increase in pH (the greater the number, the less acidity), from an average of about 4.0 above the wells with no fish life present to over 6.0 below the discharge, where healthy brook trout often can be observed

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just a few yards downstream from the old bridge.

Moreover, water quality routinely averages over 6.0 for several miles downstream – adequate for supporting year-round populations of both brook and brown trout, making Stony Creek an incredible fishery for Harrisburg-area anglers to enjoy.

But these results come at a cost. Members of DFTU and other local volunteers maintain these wells weekly, through gritty manual labor. They fill the wells by hand-shovel with high-cal limestone, which has been graciously donated by Pennsy Supply from its Lebanon Quarry for the duration of the original well's existence, and delivered by Reigel Trucking for 30 years, and Mike Sensening recently.

Since the wells are located several miles from the nearest SGL 211 parking lot off Goldmine Road in Lebanon County, their work requires special access permission from the PA Game Commission to drive in along the old railroad grade once a week (Sundays in fall/winter; Mondays in Spring/Summer) to maintain the wells, a privilege for which they are very grateful.

“It’s been a community effort,” said DFTU’s Dennis Coffman, who has volunteered at the well for 17 years, knowing full well the nature of the work at hand. “Sometimes the wells clog up, we have to keep the intakes clear of debris, and the stone is frozen. Trees fall across the road, snow or ice makes it impassable – so I’ve cross-country skied or walked into the wells. You never know what Mother Nature will throw at you, but it’s never hard to go back there. When I can’t go, I miss it.”

“Hurricanes have made a mess in recent years, and one time we even had a tree fall and puncture the pipe, which made a lot more work for us,” Fran Barilar added. “But you go because you know you’re making an impact. You can see the results.”

Jim Rauch, who cut his teeth fishing Stony Creek 50 years ago, said the fishery is more viable now than ever. George Dobson said giving back is the right thing to do. Joe Notarangelo joked that he shows up for the donuts, though the camaraderie through conservation is as appealing to him as Joe Connor, who pointed out this legacy has no end as long as there’s future

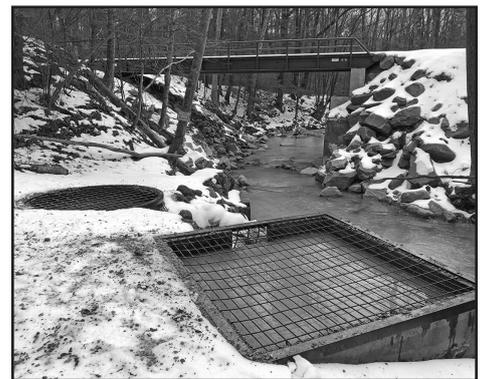


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**Top: DFTU members Joe Connor and Andy Link work to clear the intake pipe of debris.**

**Above: Dedicated volunteers scoop limestone into the diversion well to neutralize the acidic water flowing in from upstream.**

**Right: Wild trout thrive downstream from the diversion well, which wouldn't be possible without the aid of committed stream stewards.**



volunteers to sustain it.

At age 37, Andy Link is one of the youngest regulars on maintenance day. Two years ago, he stumbled upon the group while fly-fishing Rausch Creek. They showed him the wells, and he was amazed by how something so simple but influential could be sustained with no electric pumps, only gravity and dedicated manual labor, for 30-plus years. He’s now a DFTU board member and brings along his 4-year-old.

“It’s an awesome group of guys, and I look forward to contributing to the preservation of this amazing place every week,” Link said. “If anyone wants to help, TU member or not, we’ll happily welcome you into the fold. Check the DFTU.org website for meeting times. We’d love to have you join us for this meaningful conservation work.”

Indeed there is hope for the future as this success story continues to unfold.

# PA Council of Trout Unlimited

*Minutes of the July 11, 2021  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Zoom Teleconference*



**Officers Attending:** Greg Malaska, Lenny Lichvar, Russ Thrall, Erick Lewis, Brian Wagner, Bob Volkmar, Bryan Mathie, Brenda Bittinger, Bobby Hughes, Dave Rothrock, Judi Sittler.

**Others Attending:** Rachel Kester, Jenn Orr-Greene, Emily Baldauff, Gary Parzanese.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. Minutes of the April 11, 2021 EXCOM meeting were approved as submitted.

**President's Report:** Submitted by G. Malaska – no questions.

**Treasurer's Report:** Grant funds are in from Foundation and DCNR ~ \$152K; Expenses ~\$89K (grants \$76K); R3 grant activity from last year, reimbursements; ~\$13K increase in T. Rowe Price account, (~\$220K in account); ~\$449K in Bank; ~\$8K in merchandise sales. Report approved. Motion to have R. Thrall added to T. Rowe Price to account access approved.

**Program Director's Report:** Submitted by R. Kester. CHP is moving toward reduction in number of years open. TIC teacher workshop and virtual summit set for 7/12. KCC – MOU needs to be approved. Set for Feb. 25-26 at Ramada. Approved. R3 Grant approved for \$50K, includes STREAM Girls and Americorps. Working to wind up grants by the end of year.

**NLC Report:** Submitted by B. Wagner. Chapters are up for rechartering, struggling chapters need to be reviewed. Land Conservancy Fund – matching grant – can help with land acquisition fees – they are looking for projects. TU Service Partnership now includes first responders. This is the last report as NLC Rep.

**Advocacy Report:** Submitted by J. Orr-Greene and E. Baldauff. Orr-Greene – Tracking several bills: Agricultural Assistance program, license exception for vets, fertilizer regulatory program – we are supporting. JLCC was not continued, despite advocacy, political issues. Presi-

dent's budget came out in June, Land & Water Conservation Fund, Chesapeake Funds, Great Lakes Funds – all but Wilds were in budget – going through mark-up now. PA Budget – Growing Greener and Clean Water Fund did not go through, will come back to it in the fall. Regulatory – final announcement of package to DEP, now classified as high quality waters. Penn East Pipeline – litigated eminent domain concerns in NJ, Pupil Necessity certificate gives power of eminent domain per Supreme Court, FERC certificate issuance practices can make this development impactful. Baldauff – on the road, reach by cell phone – TU accepted passthrough funds to help with budget – multiple meetings with state government leadership – Growing Greener. Sportsman's Community is looking to have signed into law small games of chance for fundraising. Agricultural Assistance Program – promote passage with budget – use of ARP funds as seed money. Trout Stream upgrades DEP backlog – Sen. Savello to reach out to DEP. July PFBC voting on next docket of proposed Class A upgrades – 200 petition signers – thank you to those who signed & forwarded.

**Financial Reviewer Report:** No issues.

**Regional VP Reports:**

- Penns Creek High Temperature Fishing Awareness (R.B. Winter) – Can we develop a sign that can be posted streamside to educate public when water temperatures are high? Can we provide guidelines for successful posting on public/private lands. Chapters would manage local application of program. Look at Native Fish Coalition for best practices.

Do we want to advocate for regulation around this issue. L. Lichvar and D. Rothrock to bring up at next PFBC conversation.

- Commercial Development Near Spring Creek (Spring Creek) – Giant Supermarket construction near Fisherman's Paradise. B. Volkmar to get additional info.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Trout Policy Committee Report:** L. Lichvar – PFBC Fisheries Committee discussion on Catch & Release mandate on Class As – was not recommended – recommended discussion on Wild Trout.

**Conservation Committee Report:** B. Volkmar – Omitted item – interviewed by D. Weismann of *PA Outdoor News* and reiterated TU policy.

**Youth Education Committee Report:** J. Sittler – Five STREAM Girl programs in process, many others in the works, expecting 25 vises and tool kits for fly tying loaners, 30 rods, reels and cases are coming – How many chapters have at least one woman on the board?

**Membership Committee Report:** Over 16K members past three months, ~17K highest in April, Female membership increased 11.1%/year over year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Merchandise Sales:** “Yard Sale” of old logo items?

**Forever Wild:** Need to better promote grant availability, no applications to most recent drive, position better on website.

**Future of Western Pocono Chapter:** Planning get together with stakeholders, membership is up – they are looking for ideas for new leaders engagement.

**Status of Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Obstructions Inventory Program:** B. Volkmar – nothing new, Jake, Shawn and Bob are resource constrained, program in doubt.

**Update on Hazleton City Authority Permit:** G. Malaska – submitted comments, withdrawal permitted.

**Strategic Plan Update:** Strategic plan updates made, motion upcoming.

**Annual Financial Reports:** We were in better shape than three years ago, same chapters have issues.

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**BHA Cooperative Media Outreach-Kinney:** G. Malaska – three webinars completed, good turnout, meeting coming in August

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Keystone Coldwater Conference:** – MOU approved.

**PA Coldwater Habitat Program – Priority Waters Collaboration:** G. Malaska - Jake Tomlinson submitted letter – identify waters in each region for priority treatment / attention, will be working with RVPs

**Americorps Position Recruiting:** R. Kester – advertising is out in multiple channels, Deadline is July 21 – Aug. 6 is deadline for Americorps submission. Will be taking Americorps supervisor training.

**PA Science, Environment And Ecology Standards:** B. Hughes – STEM letter submitted.

**ATV Trails on State Forest Lands:** G. Malaska – received call from Walt, materials shared.

**Sunoco Pipeline – Chester County:** B. Bittinger – no additional info. avail-

ability, difficulty getting ahold of chapter in the area.

**Upper Delaware Fishing Pressure:** G. Malaska – local orgs. Will reach out for assistance as needed.

**Fall Meeting Planning – Sept. 18, Bedford, Pa:** G. Malaska – scheduling meeting for planning, need to identify attendance fee, \$35 in the past, BBQ place close by, will reach out to local chapter.

**Strategic Plan Update:** G. Malaska – final first draft completed – vote today for sharing with chapters for comment – Board could approve in October. Approved.

**Rechartering Process:** In the past, RVPs have engaged in rechartering. B. Wagner – functioning chapters should be rechartered by council, non-functioning chapters can be de-chartered, 09/15 is deadline to national, reference chapter effectiveness index from national.

**Nominating Committee:** SC RVP and NLC are at end of terms.

Meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Erick Lewis –Secretary*

**EXCOM actions taken by email votes since April 11, 2021**

**May 25:** Approved Council letter in support of Moshannon Creek Watershed proposal to construct a passive treatment system in the headwaters of Moshannon Creek to treat AMD from three sources.

**June 23:** Approved Council sending letter re: commentary on the PA Science, Environment and Ecology Standards. Emphasis on enabling Trout In the Classroom to continue to be tied to these standards so that this program can contain to exist in PA high schools.

**July 30:** Approved hiring AmeriCorps candidate Carolyn Heckman as Communications and Outreach Coordinator. Carolyn is working from the Clearwater Conservancy’s office in State College. She will initially focus on PATU’s online and social media presence.

**August 2:** Officer nominations closed for elections at Fall Meeting.

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# Fly Patterns of Pennsylvania

by Nick Cobler

## SERIOUSLY SIMPLE PARACHUTE ANT

*A quick tie that every angler should have in their fly boxes this summer!*

### Fly Design / Highlights

- Incorporates highly available materials
- Great fly for visibility on the water
- Easily adaptable for a variety of ant types
- Fantastic and effective tie for beginners

### Background

As I've mentioned in the past, I gravitate toward tying patterns that aren't too complicated, utilize easily found materials and have proven their effectiveness on the water. This fly checks all those boxes. The Hi-Vis Antron Fiber material really is easy to see and you can add all the bells and whistles you want to make your own versions. And with summer upon us, it is a great food source for trout that are looking up. Need I say more?

### About the Fly Pattern Designer

This fly's foundation is based on many patterns I have been introduced to throughout my 37 years of fly fishing and tying. So I definitely won't take credit for it. I've tried to keep the pattern simple. Tie a bunch and have them read to go for the summer months. This pattern can be tied in many color combinations and styles to match the naturals. In fact, a good fishing friend of mine prefers to tie these up with a few wraps of weight under the two dubbing balls. His sunken version (without the parachute) is downright deadly at times. I hope you get the opportunity to tie some up and try them soon. Happy fishing.



### Materials

- **Thread:** Black 6/0 or 8/0
- **Body:** Superfine Dubbing
- **Post:** Antron / High-Vis Antron
- **Hackle:** Grizzly / Black
- **Hook:** Standard Dry Fly

Note: Try experimenting with other materials, colors and hook sizes to create your own versions. More importantly, don't dwell on having the exact materials and always enjoy tying!



Start and secure the thread. Create a dubbing ball for the gaster around one-third the hook length. Then wrap the thread forward to about the halfway point of the hook.



Tie in the antron and secure it to the hook with a few wraps. Incorporate as much antron or as little as you want. (I sometimes substitute CDC at this step.)



Create a wing post by wrapping the thread from the base up the antron and back down again. If you like, you can hit the wraps with a tiny amount of cement to strengthen.



Prepare and tie in an appropriately sized grizzly hackle on the near side of the hook. (You can adjust the hackle color to fit your preferences and fishing situations.)



Wrap the thread towards the hook eye and create another dubbing ball a bit smaller than the first. The key is to have two distinct dubbing balls on each side of the hook.



Wrap the hackle up the post and then back down again. Capture with your thread and tie off. Click the hackle close and trim the post to the height of your liking.

## **NORTHEAST CHAPTERS**

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**Hokendauqua 535**  
**Lackawanna Valley 414**  
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**Pike-Wayne 462**  
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The chapter is participating in a Karst Geology Advisory Council and a TU advisory group to seek solutions to the Bushkill Creek dewatering/sinkhole issues. Chapter leadership provided oral and written testimony for a DEP hearing on June 2 regarding expansion of the Hercules quarry in

Stockertown. Our concerns revolve around the dewatering of the Bushkill Creek and intense sinkhole activity in the area. Our June "Bugs & Dogs" meeting hosted 40 members from our chapter and surrounding chapters. We plan to resume our annual Pig & Corn Roast in September. After being postponed in 2020, Flyway Excavating has begun construction on the Bushkill Creek stream restoration project, which will restore a 1.25-mile stretch along the Class A stream by improving riparian and in-stream wild trout habitat. The project goes through existing public parks and open space in three different municipalities. The project scope includes 25 individual PFBC approved rock structures and over 100 large in-stream boulder placements. We did a major stream cleanup on Bushkill and Martins creeks in conjunction with Earth Day. There was much large debris including a lawn tractor that had been deposited by the floodwaters from the remnants of Hurricane Isaias on Aug. 4, 2020. We participated in Wind Gap's ATC Trail to Town event on June 19.

#### **Hokendauqua Chapter #535**

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We continue to hold monthly board meetings and hope to get back to our regular meetings in September. We held a cleanup on the Hokendauqua Creek in May. We sponsor three TIC projects in different school districts. Our TIC students at Northampton Middle School released more than 100 fingerlings into the Hokendauqua in May. We have resumed our monthly "Ties and Lies" activity in which we gather once a month and tie flies.

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

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

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The chapter provides \$500 stipends to graduating seniors from Delaware Valley, Wallenpaupack and Honesdale high schools who will be majoring in environmental related studies. Our annual banquet will be held in April 2022. River cleanup was done in coordination with the Lackawaxen River Conservancy, members of the Lutheran Church (on the Tow Path) and members of PWTU. We also worked in conjunction with Pike County Conservation District cleaning up Route 402. Members presented a program in basic fishing skills to the teenage campers at the Lacawac Sanctuary Conservation Leadership Academy, and also to the Greene Dreher Historical Society. We continue to support the Rails and Trails Alliance Honesdale to Hawley. PFBC awarded the Alliance \$193,600 for the Industrial Point river access point in Honesdale, and \$120,200 for the lock 31 project in White Mills. The Alliance also submitted two grants to DCNR for enough dollars to complete both river access sites. Included in the application is an ADA fishing pier in the White Mills site. We will have a TIC program at Western Wayne High School.

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Our annual picnic was Aug. 11 at Sweet Arrow Lake pavilion. A youth fishing derby is Sept. 18 and our 3rd annual Hook Your Honey is Sept. 25 at S&A Trout Ponds. Follow our Facebook page for more details.

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We are still in the planning phase of additional work at the Mountain Springs Lake dam removal. Last year we planted 2,000 trees and bushes and planted more this year. We are waiting for approval to install a device to introduce lime into the water. The SCTU conservation banquet is set for March 21, 2022 at East Mountain Inn.

**Western Pocono Chapter #203**

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No report.

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Repair of Orangeville access steps area was

completed on July 21. Litter cleanup occurred at Kocher Park in Lightstreet during our chapter picnic on June 8. Our next chapter meeting is Sept. 14 at Columbia County Conservation District Office, Bloomsburg.

**God's Country Chapter #327**

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Chapter members assisted the Potter Conservation District stream cleanup on the Allegheny River. We collected 440 pounds of trash along four miles of river. The chapter reviewed the large pipeline project of National Fuel Gas and provided comments to NFG regarding issues related to streams. Chapter members continue to monitor the project as construction progresses. Three chapter members provided fly casting instruction at DCNR's Women in the Wilds program at Sinnemahoning State Park. We are applying for an Embrace A Stream grant for an aquatic passage project on Little Portage Creek. Our next meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 30 at Mitchell Park, Coudersport.

**Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224**

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The chapter conducted a litter pickup along the Narrows section of Big Fishing Creek in April.

**Penns Creek Chapter #119**

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Regular monthly meetings resumed in May. The chapter's summer social was held at the Armagh Twp. Park along Honey Creek on June 6. The Water for Ag project is winding down and we need to decide what to do with the information and resources, and how to present it on a community-wide basis. The Kish Creek (Belleville) project is still up in the air as far as when it will happen. Progress has been limited by changes in personnel at the Mifflin County Conservation District. We have four TIC projects planned this year.

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

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We met with PATU President Greg Malaska at the Union County Sportsman's Club in May. It was a very productive meeting with clarification of state resources available for support. Potential future projects and activities were also discussed. A Penns Creek stream cleanup was held in April. Debris was collected from just below the Poe Paddy Tunnel to the Glen Iron Bridge. The chapter's annual Fishout event was May 20, hosted by Dr. Gary and Sharon Kemberling at their property which fronts Penns Creek. Casting for Dry Fly

Success was presented by Bob Laubach and Tight Line Nymphing was presented by Rod Jones, Rick Edwards and Todd Boop. Our annual banquet is Sept. 17 at Watsontown Inn.

**Spring Creek Chapter #185**

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We raised \$4,789 through Centre Gives, the largest 36-hour, online giving event in Centre County. SCCTU participated in Watershed Cleanup Day in April. The chapter's education committee ran a STREAM Girls event June 5-6 at Camp Golden Pond. Our Veteran Service Program held an in-person Fly Fishing 101 event on April 25 at Fisherman's Paradise. Our Women Anglers Group continues to be active, meeting once per month. We are applying for Growing Greener Plus grants for several potential stream restoration projects in the Spring Creek watershed.

**Susquehanna Chapter #044**

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VP Walt Nicholson summarized the findings from the draft report for the Upper Loyalsock Creek Biological and Acid Mine Drainage Assessments at our April meeting. He took Bobby Hughes and Mike Hewitt of EPCAMR on a tour of McIntyre Mountain AMD discharges and the Red Run reclaimed strip mines in April. Field measurements showed pH in the 3's, high FE and very high AL in Dutchmans Run mine discharges. The chapter supports an application for a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Small Watershed Technical Planning Grant for a portion of upper Loyalsock Creek. The proposal will identify high priority areas for restoration of aquatic organism passage and in-stream habitat enhancement. We also endorsed the Loyalsock Creek Restoration Project. This project has the potential to reduce the amount of flow down a new stream channel, dissipate water during flood events, and prevent washout of soil and rock. We participated at the First Saturday Get Outdoors Recreation Festival in Williamsport. SCTU purchased an aerated minnow bucket for the Montgomery High School TIC program. Members assisted an environmental field day for Montoursville elementary students. Members participated in the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association Cane Pole Derby at Rose Valley Lake in May. We are co-sponsoring the PFBC Fishing Tackle Loaner Program with the Northcentral PA Conservancy. One of the veterans in our Veterans Service Partnership program caught his first trout on a fly that he had tied with a rod he had built. The chapter donated a fly rod to a veteran who is a border patrol agent and wants to learn how to fly fish and tie flies.

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Route 6 litter cleanup was completed in April. The chapter also collaborated with the Pine Creek Watershed Council in riparian buffer plantings along various headwater stream in Tioga County. A small group of volunteers have planted almost 9,000 trees in the last three years. The chapter planned to implement its CHP chop and drop fish habitat project on Blue Run this summer. The chapter completed its EAS Long Run stream watershed snapshot assessment. We have identified numerous projects throughout the watershed and have applied for a grant with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for funding the implementation of identified projects. Chapter members participated in the Tioga County stakeholder meeting for the development of the Community Clean Water Action Plan to help reduce current pollution rates within the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The chapter taught fly fishing and fly tying to 17 students at Wellsboro High School in July. The course was part of the PA Association of Agricultural Educator conference. The chapter held a Penns Creek campout/fly fishing get-together June 10-13 at Poe Paddy State Park.

### NORTHWEST CHAPTERS

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President Greg Malaska joined us in May for a tour of the drilling waste storage and injection sites. We also did our weekly water sampling and testing from locations in the associated drainage. Our Columbus Elementary School TIC program successfully stocked 177 fish.

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The chapter sold raffle tickets at a number of local festivals during July and August. Work on the Middle Fork tributary of the East Branch of the Clarion continued during the summer. Travis Weinzeriel, NC Forester for the Pennsylvania Game Commission, has obtained grant money to upgrade culverts and bridging on Middle Fork. Luke Bobnar of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has also obtained grant money for some of the work. This work is scheduled for completion between January 2021 and December 2023. Elk County Conservation District is pursuing grant funds for the AMD construction and implementation phase on the West Creek tributary to Driftwood. Additional habitat structures are scheduled to be added for the special regulation area of the West Branch of the Clarion. The project is funded by a Stackpole Hall Foundation grant, with personnel from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Seneca Resources on Landvest property. Riparian plantings on this project are growing well. Habitat structures were placed on Gallagher Run in Ridgway. We continue to support TIC programs in the Elk and Cameron County schools. The chapter will be working with ECCD to pursue grants for the implementation phase of the West Creek AMD project (Phase III) and Sandy Beach access projects.

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With no banquet in 2021, our only fundraiser for this year was a gun raffle. We plan on returning to our annual banquet in March of 2022. We held a

workday at the Coolspring DHALO area to clean up two large dead trees at the parking area. They were taken down by the landowner and volunteers removed the remaining wood to make the area safer for all. We planned another workday in the summer to address the parking area and do trail maintenance. Stream improvement plans on Deer Creek are scheduled to resume this year with a workday held on Aug. 21. A few of our local TIC programs decided to sit this past year out but the ones that did participate reported a good year. A handful of members were on hand at Buhl Park instructing kids from Sharpsville's 4th and 5th grade classes on fishing as part of their end of year activities. We are currently working with the Mercer County Conservation District on a Growing Greener grant for Phase II of the Plantation Park Project on Neshannock Creek. Upcoming board meetings are Sept. 27 and Oct. 25.

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The chapter held an outing at Oil Creek on May 22. Unfortunately, the creek was low and clear and fishing was difficult. Our board was enthusiastic about turning this into an annual event.

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We continue to work with Venango Conservation District on a Growing Greener project planned for Sugar Creek near Game Lands 96 on Tuloga Road. Electro-shocking was done on Benninghoff Run. The well-plugging project on Oil Creek is nearing its end. We supported PFBC on a Vo-Tech project to design banners denoting the boundaries of the DHALO area on Oil Creek. Some members were concerned regarding a logging operation on a tributary to Little Sandy Creek. PFBC was contacted to monitor the situation. OCTU has two TIC classrooms at Titusville, two at Meadville, the addition of one at Victory Elementary and one at Sugar Creek. Members attended Community Days, part of the Oil Creek Classic Trout Tournament. The weather was bad, and attendance was down. We are funding part of a student's expenses to attend fishing guide school in Montana. The student will then provide a program for our fall meeting. Guest speaker at our May meeting was President Greg Malaska. Our annual banquet was Aug. 21. Our next chapter meeting is Sept. 15 at King's Restaurant, Franklin.

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**Little Lehigh 070**  
**Perkiomen Valley 332**  
**SE Montgomery Co. 468**  
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LLTU assisted Little Lehigh Watershed Stewards with an invasive plant removal project on the Little Lehigh within the City of Allentown's Parkway where there was an infestation of Japanese knotweed. The chapter will be partnering with the Lehigh County Conservation District and Little Lehigh Watershed Stewards volunteer group for a riparian buffer planting project on the Little Lehigh in Lower Macungie Township in early fall. The project is being funded by a Growing Greener grant from DCNR. LLTU has provided a letter of support to Lehigh County Conservation District for a proposed stream improvement project on the Little Lehigh within the City of Allentown's Parkway. The project would improve a 700-foot section of water where another non-profit removed a dam about four years ago. The stretch is currently flat, wide and sediment laden. PFBC is providing design assistance for installation of log vanes and boulders to provide habitat, narrow

the stretch, and increase water velocity to flush out sediment. The project would be initiated in summer of 2022.

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We are still waiting for a reply from USFWS regarding a bog turtle issue with the West Branch of Perkiomen Creek project. The designer is assisting with permitting. The project is fully funded and includes an \$8,000 grant from the CHP and a \$5,000 grant from the Berks County Clean Water Fund. We had two dam removals in 2021 with preliminary planning and stream restoration design in 2022. We are evaluating additional projects. We held a stream cleanup in April along West Branch on Pennsylvania Game Lands 315 in Berks County, in cooperation with the PGC. Also in April, we stocked 300 trout in Perkiomen Creek's FFO&R section along Church Road in Montgomery County Park. In May we completed tree planting below Green Lane Dam, along Perkiomen Creek. We were assisted by Upper Perkiomen High School Environmental Science students. We held a macro-invertebrate study at the FFO section along Church Road in May. We were assisted by Aqua Water Company and MCCD personnel. We have seven schools participating in TIC.

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We are considering a T-shirt sale as a possible fall fundraiser. Our timber deflector project with the Army Corps continues.

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We registered as a non-profit organization with the state of Pennsylvania. The chapter held a Valley Creek trash pickup, Wilson Farm Park rain garden maintenance and our annual Valley Creek stream cleanup took place in March. VFTU has ongoing stream monitoring data collection on Valley Creek above and below the Knickerbocker landfill site, the springs flowing into West Valley and Pickering Creek and tributaries. We are surveying Chester County streams that have potential to hold native brook trout. We are monitoring

plans to redevelop the Bishop Tube property in East Whiteland Township, a steep slope superfund site. We are also monitoring the rezoning of Ecology Park in East Whiteland Township. All of our TIC projects have been suspended. We hosted a STREAM Girls program at Stroud Labs. We are applying for an Embrace A Stream grant. Our next meeting is Sept. 9. Check our website for details.

## **SOUTHCENTRAL CHAPTERS**

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**Cumberland Valley 052**

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**Donegal 037**

**Falling Spring 234**

**Muddy Creek 575**

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New access gates have been installed on the Conewago. Shot rock has been ordered for some Conewago stream restoration. ACTU sponsored one student to attend the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. We participated in the SOY program, which hosted 96 youths and fly tying was demonstrated to and done by all. Over 300 trout were stocked for our We held our Latimore Derby. Youths were able to catch and keep their trout. Due to COVID, no registration, food, or prizes were offered, but approximately 60 to 70 participated. An application to Walmart for a grant to support a women's clinic was denied. ACTU submitted an application for \$4,900 to the American Water Environmental Grant Program, which was not awarded. Five grant requests were submitted to Walmart, two of which have been awarded for a total of \$500. The other three were denied. A Rice Family Foundation grant in the amount of \$10,560 is pending, with an award date of Dec. 31. A grant for \$5,250 has been applied for with South Mountain Partnership. The chapter picnic will be held Sept. 21.

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The chapter is in the exploratory stage of what would be a large, complex project on a section of the Codorus that has been problematic for many years. We hope this project comes to fruition, as it would be a high visibility, high impact project that would easily be our biggest to date. As part of our streamside instructional series during our outdoor summer meetings, we're introducing a "Bug of the Month" sub-series, focusing each month on an important insect in ours and other watersheds. We discuss hatch timing, habitat, lifecycle stages, popular imitations etc. to share knowledge on choosing and presenting effective imitations. We are seeking a new school to take over one of our TIC tanks after one of our participating teachers was transferred from her classroom position and is leaving the program. Our next meeting is Sept. 8 at Laughman's Sawmill pavilion.

## Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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The Limestoner Fundraiser and Conservation Banquet is Oct. 16. Our LeTort restoration plan is nearly complete. We still must hold another public meeting. Phases III and IV of our Wittinger projects on the Yellow Breeches were to be completed in August. We are planning on restoring the mouth of the LeTort and placing 11 structures on a 300-plus-yard stretch on the Yellow Breeches (Barnitz Mill area) in 2022. Rivers Camp Director Clark Hall and staff did an outstanding job conducting the resident camp with many COVID safety restrictions in place. We are looking at several grant opportunities for our 2022 projects. We are planning on returning to our "regular" indoor meeting beginning in September.

## Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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The initial planning and design for the Beck Creek Project 6 were paid with Mariner 2 East fine money. We submitted an EPA 319 Nonpoint Source grant application. If granted, the proceeds will go toward construction of a natural stream design and permitting on the Weaver and Brummel property. This project is unique in that this site had legacy petroleum pollution that resulted from leaks that occurred decades ago. We have three projects taking place on the Hammer Creek watershed. The major one is on the Barry Family Farm property and will be one of the most extensive projects the chapter has undertaken. We submitted an EPA 319 grant application that

anticipates restoring over 8,000 linear feet of the Hammer Creek. Two smaller projects will begin construction this fall. The first is on the Shuey property that is contiguous with the Barry property and involves streambank stabilization. The second is on the Zimmerman property near Buffalo Springs. The combined cost for the two projects is more than \$107,000 and is part of the Lebanon County Clean Water (CAP) initiative. Snitz Creek Project 4 located in Cornwall Township will restore a section that has eroding embankments and crumbling stone walls that impede stream flow. It will also improve an existing stormwater retention basin along this section. We applied to Growing Greener for project funding. Snitz Creek projects 2 and 3 continue to move forward. For the Killinger Creek project, \$130,000 is pledged from The Conservation Fund for planning and permitting. A contract and property owner access agreement were received, and we need someone to assist with a review of these documents from a legal perspective. Weekly work on the diversion well at Rausch Creek is on Mondays. We are meeting with Clark Creek watershed to review proposed re-zoning project which would permit a truck warehouse to be constructed near the confluence of Clark's Creek and Susquehanna River. Possible threat to both waterways. Re-zoning hearings to be conducted. The chapter participated as an exhibitor at the Wildwood Wetlands Festival on April 24. We are offering a Ladies Day Learn to Fly Fish program on Oct. 2. The chapter will have a booth at the National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 25 at Middle Creek State Park and Wildlife Preserve, Stevens.

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Two more stream projects on major tributaries of Fishing Creek were completed in the second quarter, both on Amish farms in the Climber Run watershed. That makes four project completions so far in 2021 with an expectation of completing three more before the end of the year. Volunteer workdays will be run for buffer maintenance and invasive removal. DTU acquired funding for an enclosed equipment trailer for use at buffer plantings and maintenance. Funding has been found to upgrade an existing Fishing Creek Assessment to a Watershed Improvement Plan, which should aid in grant writing efforts. DTU was a partner in Lancaster Conservancy's seventh annual Lancaster Water Week. The chapter hosted a thank you barbecue for TIC teachers in August. Extra efforts are being made to help TIC teachers start up their programs now that schools are back to in-person teaching. VSP is planning several events for veterans and their families. DTU sponsored a STREAM Girls program in southern PA. The chapter also sponsored a student to attend the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing

Youth Camp. A new, local women's fly fishing group has expressed some interest in joining the Women's Initiative. The Chapter received a grant of \$177,000 to fund stream restoration, including restoration of 3.25 acres of wetland restoration, for a section of Fishing Creek. A \$25,000 grant application is being written to fund the match requirement of that grant. The annual DTU Fishing and Golf Tournament is Sept. 10 at Foxchase Golf Course. Our annual banquet is Sept. 19 at the DoubleTree Inn and Resort.

## Falling Spring Chapter #234

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The chapter planted 2,600 trees between Quarry Road and Edwards Avenue on Falling Spring Creek to improve the riparian buffer. This project was managed by the Alliance for Chesapeake Bay. We are in the process of applying for two Growing Greener grants. One is working with Biohabitats to conduct watershed plan from the headwaters to the mouth of Falling Spring. The second is working with Ecotone on a project to clean up the section on Falling Spring that had a trout nursery.

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In April, Addie Dees, guide on the North Platte River and manager of the Ugly Bug Fly Shop in Casper, Wyoming, joined us virtually to tell her story and showcase the gem of a watershed that is the North Platte River. Addie gave a great overview of the watershed and the various programs that they have to offer for anyone travelling out west. We had a table at the local Red Lion Street Fair in August where we sold Muddy Creek TU merchandise and spoke with interested community members about our conservation work. Our six local TIC classrooms took a break last year due to the pandemic, though we anticipate that all will be up and running in the fall of 2021. Our next meeting is Sept. 15 at the Nursery, Ted Wallace Road, Brogue, PA. A Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Clinic is planned for Sept. 18 at the Bridgeton Road Crossing on Muddy Creek. VisionCorps Fishing Day is Oct. 9 at the Handicapped Fishing Area on Tom's Run. The One Fly Tournament & Fall Fest is Oct. 16 at the Nursery. Our October chapter meeting is Oct. 20 at Mignano's Pizza, 76 Red Lion Ave, Felton. On Oct. 30 we're partnering with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay to do a large pollinator-friendly riparian buffer zone planting along Leib's Creek, a Class A tributary to the South Branch of Muddy Creek. Last year we kicked off a very successful project with a three-acre planting, and this year we're looking to plant an additional five acres at this location. Check out [www.treesfortrout.com](http://www.treesfortrout.com) for footage of the project.

## **SOUTHWEST CHAPTERS**

**Arrowhead 214**  
**Chestnut Ridge 670**  
**Forbes Trail 206**  
**Fort Bedford 291**  
**John Kennedy 045**  
**Ken Sink 053**  
**Mountain Laurel 040**  
**Penn's Woods West 042**

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Arrowhead's annual banquet was held May 22 in Ford City. The number of attendees was significantly down from previous years. This summer, the chapter worked on salvaging several large hemlock trees that are in danger of collapsing into the on the DHALO area of the stream due to bank erosion. Penn's Woods West TU assisted us with both manpower and financing. The chapter has held monthly meetings following the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. Chapter officers are considering a fall raffle intended to supplement finances in light of the banquet shortfall. Arrowhead members assisted with one of our TIC school's release in May.

### **Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670**

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Chestnut Ridge is happy to report we are beginning to function more like the engaged chapter we were before the pandemic. We have resumed monthly meetings and our various committees are active. We held our annual litter cleanup on Dunbar Creek on the Saturday before the trout season opener. We confined participation to vaccinated officers and board members only to comply with precautions, but we still filled a big spot in the State Game Land 51 parking lot with trash, tires and other debris. We also cleaned the parking area along the Dunbar-Ohiopyle Road where Jonathan Run flows under that route. Also, this spring we worked closely with Western Pennsyl-

vania Conservancy's watershed office to devise a plan for treating Jonathan Run, in Ohioopyle State Park, with alkaline sand in the same way we have achieved good results on Glade Run, Dunbar Creek watershed. CRTU members presented the plan to Ohioopyle State Park, as our proposed treatment site falls within park boundaries, but well removed from intense recreational activity. Ohioopyle park management was supportive, but we are waiting on a "go-ahead" from regional DCNR staff before we can proceed. Jonathan Run presents a tragic story of mining pollution but holds immense potential for a restored trout fishery in a beautiful setting on public land. Regarding abandoned mine pollution, CRTU's board approved, and our communications committee wrote letters in support of federal RECLAIM legislation to Senators Casey and Toomey, and to Rep. Reschenthaler. If enacted, RECLAIM would speed the disbursement of \$1 billion, already collected from coal operators into a federal reclamation fund, to coal states like Pennsylvania for reclaiming abandoned mine sites. In June CRTU completed our twice-yearly regimen of sampling seven sites throughout the Glade Run basin to gauge the influence of our Glade Run Alkaline Sand Project on water quality degraded by mine discharges. Sample results show a continued benefit in pH and alkalinity to tributaries and to the Glade Run main stem. We also placed our spring delivery of alkaline sand (230 tons) into our three treatment sites within the Glade Run watershed. We thank the Pennsylvania Game Commission for its continued cooperation in unlocking gates, and occasional use of heavy equipment to facilitate this ongoing project. On June 28, CRTU offered a trout-fishing experience to kids affiliated with the East End Community Center in Uniontown. East End CC serves primarily urban children, many of whom have never had an opportunity to go fishing. We worked with South Union Township supervisors to use the kids' fishing area - envisioned by late CRTU member Jim Tobal - in the township's Hutchinson Park for the event, and our nursery committee placed about 100 trout from our PFBC co-op nursery in the Youghiogheny Dam tailrace into Redstone Creek within the park. The day was hot and conditions challenging in the small stream, but, with the committed help of CRTU volunteers, every kid caught a fish. Our nursery committee also provided trout to support the youth fishing day at Whitsett on the Youghiogheny River below Connellsville. CRTU also participated in a series of Roundtable Zoom meetings with other southwestern chapters to encourage future cooperation.

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We had a good turnout for our first, post-pandemic monthly meeting and annual "Show

and Tell" in May at the Bear Rocks Community Center. Our more active members will continue to meet informally, monthly for dinner and to conduct limited business throughout the summer. During the May meeting we presented Monty Murty the chapter's Don Robb Memorial Chapter Service Award for his exemplary service. Monty, a Life Member of TU, currently serves as the chapter's treasurer and past president. Since many people are still not comfortable in large crowds, we decided to not hold a summer picnic and fundraiser event. Instead, we will hold another meat raffle this fall before the holidays. It's an opportunity for all our members to sell tickets and support the effort. We began work on our Coldwater Conservation Plan for Linn Run and its tributaries. TU members and local volunteers from the public have completed the habitat assessments and the first round of water quality sampling and macroinvertebrate studies. Additional work will continue late fall. We will do electro-shocking next spring. We have our annual military veterans fishing event scheduled for Oct. 2 at the Kingston Veterans Sportsmen Association in Latrobe, our partner for the event. Project Healing Water Fly Fishing, Inc. will join us again this year. We have decided to resume our guest speaker presentations during the winter via Zoom. It's an opportunity for all members to interact with expert fly fishers and fly tyers from the convenience of their home. We will invite our local chapters to join us.

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FBTU was awarded Bedford Countywide Action Plan (CAP) Implementation Funds for stream improvements on Beaver Creek (\$40,000), Little Wills Creek (\$20,000) and Shobers Run (\$4,000). Shober's Run EAS work was scheduled for Aug. 5-8.

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We sent out over 4,000 tickets for a rod/reel and kayak raffle drawn in August. We had a stream stabilization project on Gillians Run involving the installation of five devices in an urban neighbor that has had flooding problems. TU national is managing the project. In March, the chapter wrote a letter to the DEP requesting a public hearing concerning the construction of a Rutter's Convenience store on the edge of the Sandy Run wetland area. Sandy Run is a Class A wild trout stream and the surrounding wetland is classified as an exceptional value area by the DEP. The DEP responded with a copy of a letter

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to Rutter's requesting that they provide more information on 21 issues. They will notify us if a public hearing is necessary. Many of our members assisted the Little Juniata River Association with its annual riverbank cleanup on April 10. The chapter participated in the Altoona Curve "Brookies" weekend June 25-27. The Curve honored our state fish by inviting conservation groups and wearing brook trout-themed jerseys. JKSTU set up an aquarium with two large brook trout from the Benner Spring hatchery and a table with information about Trout Unlimited. We signed up some new members and picked up another school for our TIC program. We are looking into securing an area for the Adopt-a-Highway program. Our next meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at the Allegheny Township Fire Hall, Altoona, with Creg Strock from Aquatic Imitations presenting.

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#### **Ken Sink Chapter #053**

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KSTU received a grant through the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for a Little Mahoning Creek boat launch site. This project will restore an access road and perform maintenance to upgrade an existing boat and kayak launch ramp. We provided a letter of support to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for a tentative stream-bank stabilization project on Yellow Creek. This

project will not only improve in-stream habitat for aquatic organisms, but also reduce nutrient and sediment loads to Yellow Creek Lake. The chapter conducted macro-invertebrate surveys and water quality samplings on Little Mahoning and Twolick Creeks. KSTU participated in a Friends of the Parks event for the Indiana County Parks. A macro-invertebrate presentation and fly fishing instruction were provided. KSTU was pleased to sponsor and support two youths who attended the Pennsylvania Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp in June. The KSTU annual fundraiser banquet was moved to the spring of 2022. The chapter continues to participate and attend monthly meetings held by the PA Senior Environmental Corp of Indiana County.

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#### **Mountain Laurel Chapter #040**

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No report.

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We continued to hold monthly speakers on Zoom to keep our membership engaged and have fun learning from amazing people – Dave Rotherock to talk about techniques and flies to use to

fish Central PA, Greg Hoover to discuss Periodical Cicadas and fishing using the Hoov Cicada pattern. Attendance was between 50-80 people and included members from four other SWPA chapters. Our Women and Diversity group just doesn't stop due to amazing leadership and planning. The group met every month to fish Erie, local lakes and enjoy good company while they learn new techniques, skills and fly patterns. The board has spent a considerable effort digging into strategic planning, which culminated at our in-person board meeting July 11 at Seven Springs. We discussed our strengths, opportunities and challenges as a chapter so we can develop a solid 1/3/5-year plan to enhance the programs we feel are vital for the Pittsburgh area to attract new members and engage our current ones. We are working with several local organizations and watershed clubs to schedule stream cleanups in the fall to get our conservation efforts on track. We have nine major watersheds in the Three Rivers area, all of which have a diversity of issues but all share being urban and the challenges that go with that. Currently, we are working with Hampton Township on a streambank and in-stream enhancement area that is in the planning and applying for grants phase. We are cooperating with Arrowhead TU on a Buffalo Creek enhancement for completion in the fall. Cabin Fever is scheduled for Feb. 27 with guest speaker Kelly Galloup discussing streamer fishing, which will have a tie-along event with limited seating. There will also be a dine-around with limited capacity the evening of Feb. 26.