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Bill Kodrich

Environmental steward: The life of Bill Kodrich

By Jack Donachy
Special to PA Trout

Editor's Note: This article about Bill Kodrich, past PATU president and a founder of the Iron Furnace Chapter, previously appeared at www.hatchmag.com. Mr. Kodrich passed away on March 2, 2024.

It wasn't so long ago that I was at the stage in life where a number of iconic figures in the art and entertainment world I'd grown up with had begun to pass out of this world. I am far from being a celebrity hound, but as I scanned the headlines each morning, it was sad and mildly shocking to see that an actor, singer, writer or other

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*The nomination period for PATU's annual awards is now open.
Please see pages 10-11 for criteria and more information.
You may also submit a nomination online at www.patROUT.org.*

Clash of the cicadas

By Christian A. Shane
Penn's Woods West TU

"Cicadas are large, loud insects that spend their nymphal stages underground until they crawl out, climb a tree trunk, and emerge as winged insects. Yearly emergences are consistent and plentiful in certain places East to West and become a dependable 'hatch.' But the feeding frenzy kicks into high in most years when a brood of periodical cicadas emerge in their predictable range." – Dave Zielinski, Cicada Madness, 2023.

This spring has been an exciting time for the scientific community, with most of North America looking up to the skies during the Great Solar Eclipse of 2024. Now, various areas in the US will be looking down for critters to emerge from the ground in May and June.

Two groups of cicadas, or broods, will appear across multiple states in the Southeast and Midwest – Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Virginia.

Brood XIII (Northern Illinois Brood) and **Brood XIX (Great Southern Brood)** will coincide throughout the US to make



Christian A. Shane Photo

A box full of cicada patterns could come in handy into the summer as two broods of the insect will emerge across states in the southeast and midwest.

for an interesting dietary selection for fish. Since the broods will emerge so close to Pennsylvania, anglers might want to plan a multi-state fishing trip to coincide with the double hatch and search with a cicada pattern from mid-May into early July.

Scientists of Entomology theorize that

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Christian A. Shane Photo

Author Christian Shane caught this hefty brown on Utah's Green River during an epic cicada hatch.

CICADAS

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cicadas come out in their broods as an overwhelming biomass of terrestrial life to ensure a number of their species will survive predators to make way for the next generation.

Annual and periodical cicadas have a few differences. Most periodical cicadas show up in the spring months while annual cicadas seem to appear more during the "dog days of summer." Generally, periodical cicadas are smaller with black bodies, red eyes, and an orange tint on the wings, while annual cicadas are larger and have a greener pigment.

Dave Zielinski, of Western PA, has fished periodical and annual cicada emergences from Arizona to Utah to Pennsylvania for decades. Dave's first book "Cicada Madness" cracks the code for cicada emergences.

Dave states that double periodical emergences happen infrequently, but they do occur more frequently than most think. He shares that this emergence is a little more unique since it is an adjacent geological brood, which puts them close in proximity for anglers to have many opportunities to fish a cicada hatch.

When asked about fishing the cicada hatches, Dave shares two main points. First, an angler should be mindful of the water temperatures when fishing over aggressive trout. Since cicada patterns

usually employ larger hooks, such as #4 to #8 in size, trout are more susceptible to damage when hooked and released, especially when water temperatures are rising. Secondly, trout become hunters during cicada hatches and will race across the water for them. Therefore, the angler should be mindful of that first cast, work the water thoroughly, and cast in random spots.

Lastly, if you knew Greg Hoover, entomologist and Penn State instructor, he would have also been excited about this double brood emergence. Here is his infamous *Hoov's Cicada* pattern to try out on your tying bench and on a watershed this summer.

Greg Hoover's "Hoov's Cicada"

Hook: Mustad 3906B, #4, Tiemco 2302, #6

Thread: Danville Flat Waxed, 210 denier, black or orange

Under body: Orange Awesome 'Possum dubbing

Over body: Black Fly Foam (1/8" thick)

Wing: Krystal Flash (25-30 strands of pearl & orange)

Legs: Centipede legs (Medium speckled orange)

Thorax: Orange Awesome 'Possum dubbing

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Dave Zielinski's book "Cicada Madness" is available at: <https://www.amazon.com/Cicada-Madness-Techniques-Patterns-Emergences/dp/0811771822>.

'Brookie' fly reel added to merchandise

If you haven't visited the Merchandise page at www.patROUT.org lately, please take a minute to see what we have to offer these days.



We've recently added a "Brookie" fly reel in two sizes – for 3/4 and 5/6 weight lines. These beautifully finished, all-aluminum reels feature a large arbor design with adjustable disc drag and are easily reversible from left to right-hand retrieve. Or consider purchasing one of our new "Back the Brookie" refrigerator magnets to decorate your fridge.

Don't forget that we offer two fly rods – a 9-foot, 5-weight Traveler fly rod and a 7-foot, 3-weight Ultralight fly rod, along with custom-tied leaders in both dry and wet fly configurations, PATU-logoed hats, T-shirts and sweatshirts, "Back the Brookie" decorative license plates, "Catch & Release" license frames, and several books on PA fly-fishing.

It's easy to order merchandise online using a credit card or PayPal, or download and print the order form located on the next page and mail with your personal check or money order to the address on the form.

In Brief

Contact information for queries, PATU programs available below

Rachel Kester is no longer with the PA Council of Trout Unlimited. Please see below for a list of who to contact regarding PATU programs.

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For Trout in the Classroom teacher grant, program partner, or website inquiries, please email PATU Treasurer Russell Thrall at treasurer@patROUT.onmicrosoft.com.

Council seeks candidates to fill 2 spots on Executive Committee

State Council currently has two openings on its Executive Committee.

A Council Vice Chairman for the Western region is needed and a Regional Vice President position for the Southcentral Region is also available.

Both these positions provide a direct and active role in State Council decisions and

com. For all other TIC inquiries, please email RA-troutclass@pa.gov.

For assistance with PATU communications including websites, social media accounts, My PATU monthly emails, TU events calendar, etc., please contact Communications Coordinator Sigrid Sharif at Sigrid.sharif@tu.org.

All other inquiries should be directed to info@patROUT.org where someone will direct you to the appropriate person for assistance.

A PATU directory is also available at patROUT.org. Click on the green "Leadership Directory" button.

are important roles in order to maintain interaction and communication between the State Council and the individual chapters.

Please contact PATU President Lenny Lichvar for more specific information. These are opportunities for anyone to pursue new ideas and directions as well as assist in continuing the already many important Trout Unlimited priorities and programs in Pennsylvania. Contact: LennyLL@yahoo.com or 814-659-7057.

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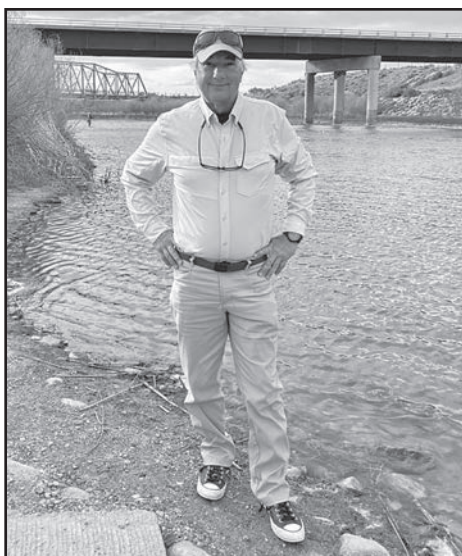
Headwaters

**A message from PATU President
Lenny Lichvar**

Opportunity is available at PATU. We now have a professional position open, and we are actively searching for a qualified candidate. As you know by now, Rachel Kester left the Program Manager position after nearly five extremely productive years in that capacity. Rachel's knowledge and dedicated efforts enabled PATU to grow and become a much more effective organization.

Moving forward, there will be some changes made to the position in order for it to be more sustainable.

In the volunteer arena we are also in need of a South Central Regional Vice President (RVP). All RVP's are essential



members of the Executive Committee (EXCOM) and along with being the primary go-to person in the region, are part of the decision making at the Council

level. The RVP must come from one of the South Central chapters which are Adams County, Codorus, Cumberland Valley, Doc Fritchey, Donegal, Falling Spring and Muddy Creek.

Then, in addition, due to the resignation of Kelly Williams as Council Vice President in the west, we are in need of someone stepping up to fulfill that important role.

Over my nearly 40 years in volunteer and professional conservation work I have learned that you have a choice. You can either be part of the problem or part of the solution. This is a great time for anyone who believes they have new ideas, better directions and innovative concepts that will protect and enhance the coldwater resources and native and wild trout in Pennsylvania to put your motivation into action.

Here is your opportunity.

Treasurer's Report

**by PATU Treasurer
Russell Thrall**

I want to thank all the volunteer chapter leaders who made sure they completed their chapter's Annual Activity Report on the TU website by May 15.

All of our chapters filed their reports by the deadline, ensuring they are all still eligible to receive grants from PATU and new member rebates from National.

For chapters/councils that average less than \$50,000 in gross receipts, filing an annual financial report will satisfy all filing requirements because TU National is



paying to have an outside tax firm file all IRS Form 990Ns.

For chapters that average more than \$50,000 in gross receipts, filing an annual financial report will not satisfy IRS filing requirements.

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Robert Johnson

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Fly Patterns of Pennsylvania

by Nick Cobler

Winger Parachute Green Drake Dry Fly

A large, buoyant pattern that is easy to see, very lifelike and flexible.

Fly Design / Highlights

- Constructed with mostly natural materials
- Easily adaptable by changing material types and body colors
- Sits low on the water and the wing silhouette is very lifelike
- Very durable and buoyant

Background

I first saw this pattern in a book by Shane Stalcoup called “Mayflies ‘Top to Bottom’” and I found the techniques in his Winger Parachute dry fly very intriguing. I liked that it used natural materials—especially for the parachute post that is typically constructed of troublesome calf hair or a synthetic material like poly-yarn or Z-lon. And I really liked that the wide, hen feather wings had a very imitative silhouette.

About the Parachute Winger Green Drake Dry Fly

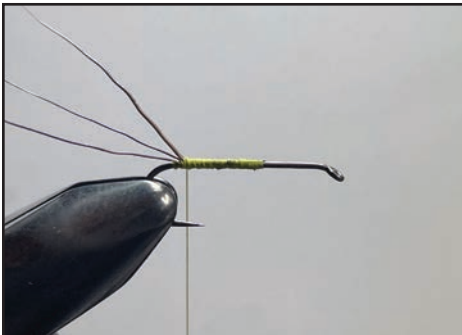
This pattern evokes excitement of the large green drakes that are on the horizon. Just tying these conjures those evenings watching them float like miniature sailboats over eager trout ready for a big meal. I encourage you to take your time with this pattern and to experiment with different sizes and color combinations. These techniques can work on many fly patterns, and with a little practice you might never go back to those synthetic parachute posts again.



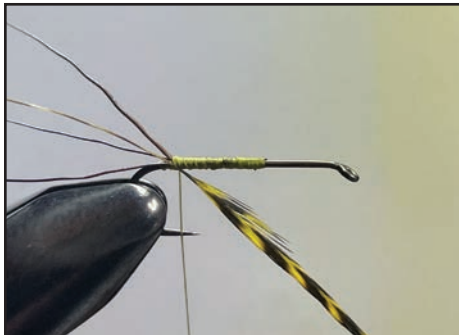
Materials

- **Hook:** Classic Long Dry Fly
- **Thread:** Your Preference
- **Tails:** Your Preference
- **Body:** Stripped Feather Stem
- **Thorax:** Superfine Dubbing
- **Wing/Post:** Hen Feathers
- **Hackle:** Green Dyed Grizzly

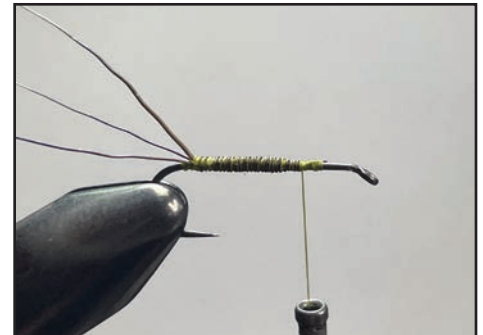
Note: In this example I have used a size #12 classic long dry fly hook and moose mane for the split tails. The stripped quill is from the same green dyed grizzly hackle.



Insert a hook into the vise and create a thread base wrapping back the barb area. Catch in three moose mane hairs for the tails.



Strip the barbs from a feather and tie in the stem at the base of the tails. Trim the waste end and wrap the thread forward to where you started the thread.



Wrap the stripped stem forward in touching turns to create a slim body. When you reach your thread position, tie off securely and trim the remaining stem section.



Choose two hen feathers and tie in the wings upright at the thorax region. Then trim any unruly barbs that aren't cooperating and clean up the base of the feathers.



Dub a small noodle and wrap over the thorax to tidy up. Dub between the wings to keep them separated. Strip the lower barbs and tie in a matching hackle feather.



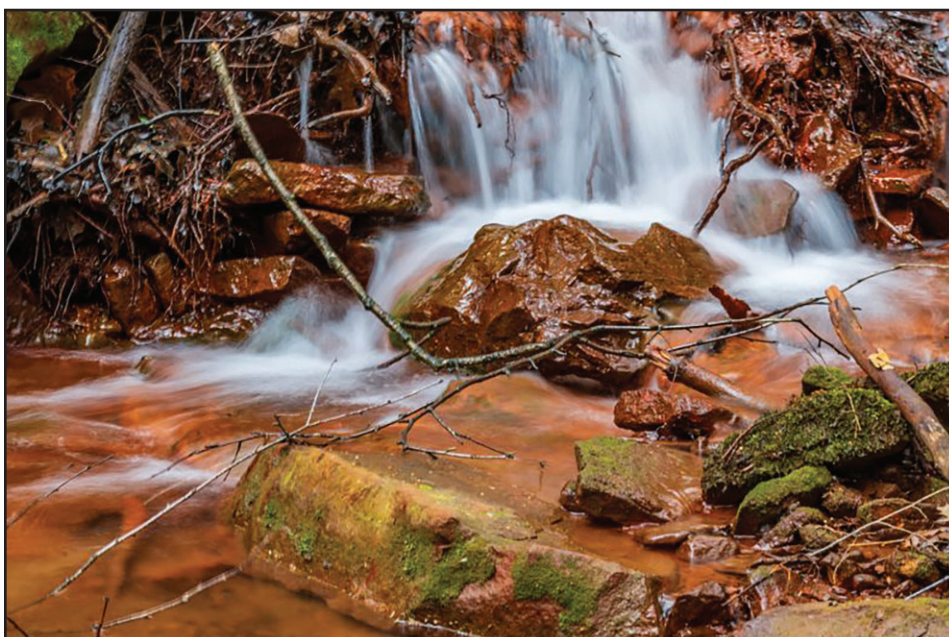
Wrap the hackle parachute style around the base of the wing. Trim any fibers below the hook so the fly rests parallel to the water. Whip finish and go hit the water!

celebrity I'd long admired had been admitted to a hospital for the kinds of illnesses that portend the end, or that indeed the end had come. The blow I felt in such moments stems no doubt from the reminder that in fact we are, all of us, "in the queue."

More recently, feathered in among these noted artists, the mentor-friends of my boyhood have been departing. The deaths that have hit closest have been among the men with whom I had the honor of hunting and fishing, men I admired, studied closely and learned from. Lessons included the proper handling of firearms, where to look in a piece of water for trout, the pleasure of cold spring water from a tin cup, how to keep a canoe true to course, how to *listen* and *see*, but more importantly my association with these men provided vital guideposts along my own path toward – and into – adulthood.

Among this pantheon, I doubt that there was anyone who had a greater influence on my young life than did Bill Kodrich. The winter I was 12, he taught me to tie flies, the very first of which was a lead-winged Coachman. I can still remember my clumsy fingers fumbling to tie in matched sections of Mallard wing. That spring at the small pond on his property, Bill let me borrow one of his fly-rods as he showed me how to cast a fly-line. That summer I used that very fly to quickly snatch (and release) sixty (60!) fat bluegills from a bed in just 30 minutes – a seminal feat I've never replicated but which clued me in to how incredibly *effective* fly-fishing could be. Later, Bill brought me into the fold of Trout Unlimited, an organization in which my wife and I are proud to be life members.

It was Ken Sink, then Pennsylvania Council TU president, who encouraged Bill to start a local chapter in Clarion, PA. Thus in 1975, with Bill elected as the first president, Iron Furnace Chapter was born. Forty-nine years later the chapter is still going strong, fighting the good fight through educational outreach to local schools, restoring and protecting stream habitat, offering regular fly-tying lessons and advocating for the protection of stream-bred wild trout.



Jack Donachy Photo

In the 42 years since the 1972 federal Clean Water Act was signed into law, great progress has been made restoring the Clarion River watershed's mining-stained streams. In some cases, waters that were essentially lifeless now hold trout and hellbenders and feature mayfly hatches. But work remains. With shoulders to the wheel, one day the little falls in this photo might make for a lovely picture. But for now, this lifeless acidic brook feeds Mill Creek which in turn empties into the Clarion River... and on downstream to the Allegheny, the Ohio, the Mississippi, the Gulf...



Jack Donachy Photo

At the age of five when I first threaded a worm onto a hook suspended below a wine cork – from the very place this picture was made – the Clarion didn't offer much besides a few stunted panfish. Now, trout, bass, walleye and musky are part of the catch. Over 50 miles of the river have earned federal Wild and Scenic status, and it has been named Pennsylvania's River of the Year four times. Thanks in no small part to TU, other conservation groups and dedicated stewards such as Bill Kodrich.

Bill's early leadership role in TU was but one point on a long arc that began in upstate New York where he was delivered at home on his parents' dairy farm. Along with neighborhood chums, Bill cut his teeth fishing for bullheads at a local pond. His initiation into outdoor pursuits thus begun, it wasn't long before he found his way into trout fishing and grouse hunting. After graduating from Hartwick College in Oneonta, Bill took a position teaching high school science in Morris, NY. His desire to

bring young people into the world of the great outdoors prompted him to start a rifle team at the school, and to anyone who has known Bill, it would be no surprise that his marksmen became the school's winningest sports team.

In 1967 Bill earned a Ph.D. in biology from the University of Pittsburgh. That same year, he joined the faculty at Clarion State College where he taught a variety

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of biology courses and was an advisor to graduate students pursuing advanced degrees in environmental science. “You could always tell which students were Bill’s,” his colleague Jack Williams recalled. “While other students were dressed for class, Bill’s were dressed in field boots, carrying backpacks full of instruments and dragging hip boots down the halls of Pierce Science Center.”

As with any person’s life, historical context is important. Rachel Carson’s pioneering call to environmental awareness, “Silent Spring” was published in 1962. Bill would have been about 29, just beginning to narrow his focus from general science to environmental studies. Clarion County, Pennsylvania, at the time still one of the nation’s leading producers of coal, provided a perfect venue for a young environmentalist setting out to make a difference. The landscape of my youth appeared almost as a war zone might – hills denuded of forest, barren gray flats where mountaintops had been stripped clean, lifeless acidic streams running orange with iron-oxide.

Back then, the Clarion River was nearly a biological desert. Effluent from paper mills, strip mines and towns along with farm runoff and deforestation – and before that, oil exploration – had taken a heavy toll. The river’s acidic, silted, pollutant-laden water was barely capable of supporting a few stunted panfish and bullheads. Carp hung out below pipes carrying waste from communities. As beautiful as the river appeared in October when autumn leaves were reflected in its depths, any trout that might have migrated downstream from one the Clarion’s relatively few clean tributaries was a goner. And “few” was the operative word. On Samuel A. King’s stylized 1970 map, *Cornplanter’s Kingdom: A Field Map of the Allegheny National Forest*, tributary upon tributary feeding the Clarion River is marked with a skull and crossbones. Paint Creek, Toby, Mill and countless others ran orange-red with the effects of strip-mining, and steady rain would send even the smattering of relatively clean flows up over their banks in a roily, muddy mess.

But change – big change – was on the horizon.



Barbra Donachy Photo

What TU’s Iron Furnace Chapter continues to fight for. This wild brookie came to an Adams on That Stream Which Shall Remain Nameless.

In 1970 the Clean Air Act was signed into law. Then came the real game changer: the 1972 Clean Water Act. As the river’s myriad problems were addressed, Bill was in the thick of it – appointed to Pennsylvania’s ad hoc Committee on Strip Mine Legislation. Later, Bill served as Pennsylvania TU’s Environmental Committee Chair. As way led to way, he found himself elected as second vice president of the PATU State Council, accompanied by an appointment as a delegate to TU National. He soon expanded his involvement on the national level by joining TU’s Research and Projects Committee where he was responsible for vetting grant applications for the Embrace A Stream program.

In 1990, Bill was elected president of Pennsylvania TU. In 1992, he became the second person ever reelected as President of PATU. (The other being Ken Sink.) It was at this time that, with Sink’s help, Bill reached out to former President Jimmy Carter and convinced him to come to PA to be part of a video promoting Pennsylvania trout and to sign a series of trout prints created by PA wildlife artist George LaVanish. President Carter’s involvement was a boon to PATU’s fund-raising and helped increase membership. During his tenure as Pennsylvania TU Council president, Bill also created the Trout and Salmon Management Committee to evaluate PA’s coldwater fisheries. Even after Bill retired as president (he served three terms), he continued to chair this committee.

Perhaps overlooked in all of this is that without Bill’s leadership, Pennsylvania TU would likely have ceased to exist. Forces at TU National were looking at consolidating state chapters. Under the

plan, PATU would have been folded into the Southeast Region – a plan that puzzled some as PA’s watersheds generally have little in common with those further south. Bill had the vision and skills to maintain PA Council’s independence, in the long run strengthening both Pennsylvania’s conservation interests as well as those of TU National.

In addition to being a highly regarded faculty member and mentor to countless students and ushering many young people such as myself into the glorious world of trout, fly-fishing and hunting, Bill earned several awards, among them:

- The National Trout Unlimited Distinguished Service Award
- The Ralph Abele Conservation Heritage Award
- The PA Fish & Boat Commission’s Award for Advancing Conservation, Fishing and Boating

There were other awards, other committees, not to mention 25 years as a volunteer Deputy Waterways Conservation Officer. Having left Clarion when I graduated from high school in 1977, there’s a good bit in the above that I did not know until, feeling that Bill deserved more than a few skinny paragraphs in the obituary sections of local papers, I picked up the phone and started calling old friends and mentors. Everything I was told in those conversations with people who had known Bill over the years rang true – from the way he started a championship rifle team as a high school teacher, to the hip-boots and backpacks approach he took to teaching college students, to the

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way he seemed – generally without much effort – to have a gift for keeping several plates simultaneously spinning *while always moving forward*.

And in one important way, those conversations confirmed a kindred spirit I had always felt with my old mentor: As his friend Tim Fay recounted how Bill used to become so absorbed in watching damselflies and birds that he often missed strikes, I had to smile in appreciation of the axiom that “it is not the fish we are after,” my own life journey in fly-fishing having led to studies of birds and flowers during years I spent living in a wilderness Aleutic village along the banks of a salmon river.

Bill’s many accomplishments are to be admired and cherished. But when I think of him, what I remember is a man leaning over my shoulder, easy voice in my ear coaching as I learned to wax thread and spin hair from a hare’s ear; a tin cup held under a gushing spring and handed to me on my first ever deer hunt; an impromptu line-mending lesson on Pennsylvania’s Spring Creek; a tip offered casually in

passing regarding the effectiveness of a nymph drifted passively under an indicator on a lake.

As important as those lessons were, it has been Bill’s example that has had the greater impact. Were one to glance at my various tools, fly boxes, cookware and so forth, one might notice every drill bit accounted for and in its proper place, flies arranged in tidy rows, cookware stored thoughtfully, clean and cared for.

“This is the way Bill would do it,” I’ve said to my wife Barbra or thought to myself countless times. A fly-rod wiped clean and returned to its proper place on wall pegs after a day’s fishing, a ritual Barbra joins me in having joined the brotherhood of the angle, brings back fond memories of Clarion and of hunting and fishing with Bill, and although Barbra never had the pleasure of meeting my old mentor, in this and other ways she too has come to know him.

In fact, I find that as I pass by vegetable gardens here and there, compared with the impeccably well-ordered rows Bill attended to, all are somewhat wanting. And

I never have a really good piece of pie that he doesn’t come to mind. “We’ve got to fuel up if we’re going to be spending the day...” hunting or fishing.

The testament of Bill’s life – of the lives of all of these mentors from my youth – is that even a little attention cast to a young person can have an impact that lasts a lifetime. It is a legacy grander and more meaningful than the largest mansion, a pile of money to the sky, or fame in any measure.

Memorial donations may be made in the name of William R. Kodrich to:

- Clarion-Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214
- Limestone Township Volunteer Fire Department – First Responders, 9790 PA-66, Clarion, PA 16214
- Alliance for Wetlands and Wildlife, c/o Pam Moore, 22830 PA 68, Clarion PA 16214

There will be a memorial service honoring Bill’s life on July 27, 2024 from 11 a.m., lunch served at noon, visiting to 3 p.m. at the Clarion Moose Club.

Dawes recognized for service to conservation...



Sigrid Sharif Photo

At the Keystone Coldwater Conference in State College in February, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, along with the other conference sponsors, recognized R. John Dawes for his decades-long tenure and service to natural resource conservation as the executive director of the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

The Foundation, under Dawes’ leadership, empowered countless organizations to achieve their conservation project goals. He was also the driving force behind the creation of the Keystone Coldwater Conference 24 years ago and the Foundation has been a primary sponsor of the event ever since.

Pictured are, from left, former PATU Program Manager Rachel Kester, PATU President Lenny Lichvar, former Loyalhanna Watershed Executive Director Lysle Sherwin, Dawes, Director of the Governor’s Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation Derek Eberly, and current Executive Director of the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds Deb Nardone.

Nomination period for PATU Awards now open

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards during the fall meeting on Saturday, Sept. 14.

There is a huge amount of extraordinary work being accomplished by PATU chapters, as well as many individuals, and that work should be recognized.

If you are aware of a group, chapter or individual you feel is worthy of a nomination, **please consider filling out a nomination form**. Nominations are due by **August 31**.

An online nomination form is available on the PATU website at <https://patrout.org/index.php/patu-awards-nominations/>

Forms may be emailed to Judi Sittler at jsittler@comcast.net or mailed to her at 108 Gaslight Circle, State College, PA 16801. Please note: nominations for Best Newsletter and Best Chapter website (described below) should be sent to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.

Below is a brief description of each award with eligibility criteria when applicable:

- **Chapter with greatest membership increase** – Nominations not accepted; Recipient determined based on data collected from National TU.
- **Chapter with greatest percentage increase in membership** – Nominations not accepted; Recipient determined based on data collected from National TU
- **Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter** – This award is given to the chapter that best exemplifies the work of TU, including involvement in conservation efforts, community activities, outreach, youth activities, etc.
- **Best Small Chapter Award** – The same criteria used in the Edward Urbas Award will be applied to this award, but it is limited to chapters with 150 or fewer members.
- **Best Chapter Project** – This award recognizes an exceptional initiative, project, or effort on the part of a TU chapter which demonstrates efficient use of resources, and which utilizes effective partnerships with other organizations such as government agencies, other non-profits, schools, etc., and which had a notable impact on the community and/or environment.
- **Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member** – This award recognizes a TU member with a history of exemplifying PATU's core values and mission- conserving, protecting, and restoring PA's coldwater fisheries and watersheds – and who demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism.
- **Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional** – This award recognizes an individual, either from a governmental agency, private enterprise, or non-profit organization, who has made an exceptional effort to help fulfill the TU mission of conserving, protecting, restoring, and sustaining PA's coldwater fisheries and watersheds.
- **Outstanding Volunteer** – This award recognizes a person who, while not necessarily a member of TU or a conservationist professional, was particularly helpful and who contributed time and effort to supporting a TU chapter or project. Their efforts on either a single project or on an ongoing basis can be considered and described in the nomination.
- **Best Chapter Website** – Is your Chapter's website particularly attractive, clear, up-to-date and easy to navigate? If so, send nominations to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.
- **Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter** – If your newsletter includes information about your chapter's activities that is current, well-presented and clear, and is visually attractive, your chapter may very well win this award. Send nominations, with a few copies of the newsletter, to Brad Isles at 147 Swain Hill Road, Harmony, PA 16037. A digital copy can also be sent to Brad at bisles@live.com.
- **Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach** – This award recognizes an individual who has shown exceptional leadership and commitment to youth outreach, programs, and activities.
- **Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU** – This award is given to a person who contributes to PATU's mission in a notable way. It is intended to recognize a person who has been involved for a significant period of time and who has demonstrated steadfast dedication to coldwater conservation, protection, restoration, as well as volunteerism and leadership. It is not necessarily presented every year.
- **Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to State Council** – This award recognizes a person or persons who through their recent efforts shows leadership of the organization.
- **Diversity Award** – This award recognizes a chapter that shows diversity among the members in the chapter. It is important that chapters ensure that youth, women, and men take an active part in TU chapters. This ensures that TU chapters are able to carry on and it allows experienced chapter members to cultivate knowledge to new members. But it is also important that all members bring a voice to the chapter to ensure forward momentum.

Diversity Award submission criteria:

- Provide a description for any events held by the chapter:
 - Veterans, Youth and/or Women Events
 - Chapter youth and/or female leader
- Provide the number of:
 - Active male chapter members
 - Active female and/or youth member

For a member to be considered active, they must attend at least three chapter meetings per year or participate in at least one chapter event per year.

PATU Awards 2024 Nomination Form

Fill out, clip and except where otherwise indicated mail this nomination form to: Judi Sittler, 108 Gaslight Circle, State College, PA 16801. You may also download it from www.patroul.org and mail to the same address. Scanned submissions can be emailed to jsittler@comcast.net. **The deadline for nominations is August 31.**

Nominator's Name: _____ **Email:** _____

Telephone Number(s): _____

****Nominator will be notified once a decision has been made.**

I would like to nominate _____ for the

Check one: _____ Edward Urbas Award for Best Chapter _____ Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member

 Best Chapter Project Award

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Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist
Award, Professional

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(Person who contributed time or effort in helping a TU chapter or project, either one time or ongoing; doesn't need to be a member or conservation professional)

_____ Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU
For an individual who has made long-term
significant contributions through their work
with state council.

_____ Inky Moore Award for Outstanding
Contributions to PATU's Conservation Mission

Diversity Award
(For a chapter that shows diversity among its membership.)

Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Newsletter
(Send copies of at least three recent issues to
email to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com)

Best Chapter Website Award
(Send nomination to Brad Isles at
bisles@live.com)

Reason for nomination (250 words or fewer):

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Conference puts focus on ‘shared priorities’

Almost 190 people attended the 12th Biennial Keystone Coldwater Conference on Feb. 23-24 at the Ramada Inn in State College, PA.

Attendees included speakers, students, exhibitors, and conservationists; this year's theme was “Shared Priorities: Ensuring Cold, Clean Water for All through Community and Collaboration.”

Workshops on Friday included So, You Want to Make a Difference? A Guide to Become a Productive Advocate for Your Streams and Community led by Emily Baldauff. Her topics included public comments, how to approach decision maker meetings, social media, petitions, and letter writing. She also shared current conservation events going on in Pennsylvania and how TU can be effective in the coming years through advocacy.

Meanwhile, Luke Bobnar of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Phil Thomas from Trout Unlimited, and Troy Stimaker from the PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry led a

workshop titled Puttin’ Trees in the Crick? Everything You Need to Know about Large Wood Additions to PA Streams. They discussed why wood is important to aquatic ecosystems, and the techniques and methods with which wood is being reintroduced to stream-valley ecosystems. Project examples, monitoring, funding, and permitting options were also explored.

Friday evening's events kicked off with a dessert social and student poster contest.

Subjects of the 10 posters included stream temperatures, the effects of culverts on fish communities in western Pennsylvania streams, and the impact of shale gas development on stream chemistry and aquatic benthic macroinvertebrate communities, among others.

Another highlight of Friday's events was the film screening *Covenant of the Salmon People*, a documentary about efforts of the Nez Perce Tribe to protect Chinook salmon from extinction due in large part to dams

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Winners of the Keystone Coldwater Conference's student poster contest were Brady Blackburn (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), Lexie Orr (Penn State), Danielle Tryon (Susquehanna University), Michaela Adams (PennWest Clarion University), and Bridget Reheard (Penn State).

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on the Snake River that inhibit the return of salmon to native spawning sites.

Saturday's activities began with a plenary panel featuring conservation and education professionals from across the state who shared how they are engaging various communities in cold-water conservation through unique programming and collaborations.

After the plenary session led by Derek Eberly and panelists, R. John Dawes was awarded a certificate of recognition by the Coldwater Heritage Partnership in recognition of his founding role in the Partnership and for his many years of leadership and service within the watershed conservation community.

The remainder of Saturday consisted of concurrent presentations with topics including trout stream restoration, Trout Unlimited's abandoned mine drainage program, and building communities around conservation.

The results of the student poster contest were announced during lunch; the winners

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were Brady Blackburn (Indiana University of Pennsylvania), Lexie Orr (Penn State), Danielle Tryon (Susquehanna University), Michaela Adams (PennWest Clarion University), and Bridget Reheard (Penn State).

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*Minutes of the April 21, 2024
Executive Committee Meeting
Hampton Inn & Suites Lamar, PA*

Attendees: Lenny Lichvar, Erick Lewis, Russ Thrall, Greg Malaska, Gary Parzanese, Todd Burns, Dean Druckenmiller, Bryan Mathie, Dave Rothrock

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. Minutes of the Jan. 21, 2024, EXCOM meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report: Submitted by L. Lichvar.

Secretary's Report: Submitted by E. Lewis.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by R. Thrall. The Mariner grant is presenting some issues due to distribution plan over the next few years. The Annual Appeal went well. PATU chapter contributions are down approximately \$4,000, which may be a recording issue. Annual activity reports are due May 15. PATU has lost unrestricted funds from chapters not submitting.

Program Director's Report: Submitted by R. Kester.

Program Director Search: Discussion by all. Add TIC management and social media content generation to "skills" portion of job description. R. Thrall suggests the director focus of position should encourage collaboration with EXCOM in strategic decision making. G. Malaska said the responsibilities of this position exceed the non-profit pay scale. TIC is a labor-intensive part of this work. Options are to create a more highly compensated position or split the job into two positions, one for grants and one for TIC. Executive Director would fulfill the role of Program Director. Salary range of \$62K to \$72K and would collaborate with EXCOM for strategic planning, development planning, etc. Is office space occupancy requirement for DCNR grant match, required to be at the Centre Region Office. This limits the range of applicants for this ED position. Request

clarification of this requirement from the PFBC and DCNR "point" persons.

**Motion* to approve changes to job description by T. Burns. Approved.

T. Burns to chair hiring committee, G. Malaska, R. Thrall to assist.

National Trout Unlimited Assistance

Agreement: Discussion by all. What is benefit of signing? Why is this document being proposed now? Should we redline document and send back for comment? We do not currently need the grant services proposed.

**Motion* to table by G. Malaska. Approved.

EXCOM Vacancies: Discussion by all. South Central VP, Western EVP open.

PATU Treasurer Position: Discussion by all. Opens in September. Position is most time intensive job in PATU. Could portions be outsourced, such as bookkeeping? Need to maintain institutional knowledge, such as grants and transfer QuickBooks operational knowledge. R. Thrall soliciting quotes from private accounting firms and National TU for grant accounting and bookkeeping.

Annual Meeting Date and Location: Discussion by all. Haywood's on the Green is no longer available. Toftrees in State College is available, but not on the dates we need. Penn State football home games complicate availability and impact lodging costs. Sept. 14 is the date. D. Rothrock and E. Lewis to investigate firehalls, conservation district offices.

National TU Projects: Update by S. Koser. Priority Waters website is up and highlights the goings on in that area. Strategic action plans are underway. West Branch of the Susquehanna was recently completed. Allegheny watershed is next. Discussed Beech Creek opportunity. Priority Waters is used to prioritize project opportunities. Projects outside of Priority Waters areas will be pursued when funding and resources align. Discussed Kettle Creek work, including culvert replacements, wooding projects. Two are in Clinton County, three are in Lycoming, seven are in Tioga, two are in Columbia, two are in Clearfield, and two are in Union.

Advocacy Report: Submitted by E.

Baldauff.

Conservation Communications Coordinator: Submitted by S. Sharif.

Regional VP Reports:

Northcentral (G. Parzanese) – As submitted. Sending emails to remind chapters of Activity Report importance and due date.

Northeast (T. Burns) – As submitted. New leadership for Shehawken Chapter. Issue with dam release in the Lackawanna Chapter's area. Mine subsidence is an issue on Toby Creek. Sending emails to remind chapters of Activity Report importance and due date.

Northwest (A. Capotis) – As submitted.

Southeast (D. Druckenmiller) – As submitted. Little Lehigh Chapter is undergoing a rejuvenation. Valley Forge Chapter has tax exempt issues. Tulpehocken Chapter has new leadership. TIC is in 55 schools.

Southwest (B. Mathie) – As submitted. Arrowhead Chapter is having some issues. Penn's Woods West Chapter's Cabin Fever went very well and is running out of space. Next event is Feb. 23, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trout Policy Committee Report: Submitted by D. Rothrock. L. Lichvar and D. Rothrock met with PFBC regarding land donation to PGC which contains a stream with wild trout. Local chapters asking for no harvest rules until the stream can be assessed. Not pursued due to no stocking. PFBC is planning to survey in July. Muskellunge stocking in lower Pine Creek has generated inquiries – only to Jersey Mills, not to special regulations area. Will reach out to PFBC regarding Rocktown Run bridge reconstruction.

Development Committee Report: Submitted by B. Neu.

Awards Committee Report: Submitted by J. Sittler.

Delaware River Committee Report: Submitted by J. Skelding.

Conservation Committee Report: Submitted by B. Wagner.

Diversity Committee Report: Submitted by K. Williams and A. Daniel.

Youth Committee Report: Submitted by J. Sittler.

Membership Committee Report: Submitted by J. Miller.

TU Service Partnership: Larry Myers

CRTU cleans up Pike Run; continues Dunbar Creek cleanup

By Ben Moyer

Chestnut Ridge TU President

On Saturday, March 30, members of Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited cleaned up trash and garbage from the Delayed Harvest section of Pike Run in California Borough, Washington County, and from 1.5 miles of Pike Run Drive which flanks the stream.

“This is one of Washington County’s only special regulation trout streams and we hope anglers will have a better experience here now that much unfortunate litter has been removed,” said CRTU president Ben Moyer. “Washington County has been good to our chapter. We have many members who live there, and the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Promotion Agency invited us to work with them to present the International Fly Fishing Film Festival in Washington County. Many Washington County residents also supported our recent fundraising banquet at Hugo’s Restaurant, which is only about a mile from Pike Run. We wanted to pay back some of that goodwill and improve the environment along Pike Run.”

The cleanup effort removed 13 large bags of trash from the stream and roadside, plus one discarded toilet and 16 tires. The event was an officially registered cleanup with Pick Up PA.



Ben Moyer Photo

Volunteers from Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Pennsylvania Game Commission officers with trash collected from Dunbar Creek (a PFBC Fly-Fishing-Only-Catch-and-Release stream), State Game Land No. 51, and the Dunbar-Ohiopyle Road in Fayette County. CRTU has cleaned trash from these areas on the Saturday preceding the first day of trout season for 26 years.

On the same day as the Pike Run cleanup, other CRTU volunteers continued the organization’s 26-year tradition of cleaning up trash along Dunbar Creek, State Game Land No. 51, and the Dunbar-Ohiopyle Road in Fayette County.

“We’d like to thank all our member

volunteers and also participating officers from the Pennsylvania Game Commission who helped to restore the natural beauty and attractiveness of this Dunbar Creek resource,” said CRTU’s Dunbar Creek Cleanup chairman, Eugene Gordon. “It’s a unique place we can be proud of.”

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joining as chair.

OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Show Participation: PATU booth at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show from March 15-16, 2025, will be \$150. Better volunteer support on Sunday is requested.

***Motion** to approve manning a booth at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show in 2025. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

PATU Strategic Plan: The plan is up for renewal in 2025.

Next Meeting Date: July 21, 2024.
Motion to adjourn at 1:48 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Erick Lewis – Secretary*

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Brodhead Chapter #289

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Brodhead TU's 2024 banquet was March 15 at Stroudsmoor in Stroudsburg, Pa. The chapter planned several conservation activities in April-May, including an invasive plant removal at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Larsen Lane Tract in Stroudsburg. The chapter also held a riparian buffer maintenance day at the Polk Township Walking Park and the Larsen Lane Tract in April. A tree planting was held at the Larsen Lane Tract on May 4 to help restore the riparian buffer around Cherry Creek. Brodhead TU held its Introduction to Fly-Tying class in January-February and an Introduction to Fly-Fishing course in March. The chapter conducted a tour of the McMichaels Creek restoration project that included educational stations on the history of the preserve, macroinvertebrate identification, and common invasive plant species in the area. A Girl Scout Troop was identified for 2024's STREAM Girls event in May and a Boy Scout Fishing/Fly-Fishing Merit Badge Weekend has been scheduled for September with Troop 99 in Effort, Pa. Robert Lindquist presented "Seasons of the Delaware" at our April 10 meeting, and we held a fly-fishing meet-up on May 11. Our chapter picnic is June 8. A Yankee Run workday is set for June 15. Visit www.brodheadtu.org/chapter-calendar for a comprehensive list of events.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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The chapter sent a letter of support to the Wildlands Conservancy for removal of Dam No. 4 on Bushkill Creek. We hosted Anita Coulton, two-time NJ fly-fisher of the year, from Cross Current Guide Service & Outfitter as she presented "Pocket Water Strategies" on March 9 at Stockertown Rod and Gun Club. FDTU hosted a stream and highway cleanup on April 20 along Bushkill Creek and Bushkill Drive. At our Intro to Fly-Fishing with Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center, over 40 participants rotated through stations explaining various aspects of fly-fishing such as equipment and gear, flies, hands-on casting practice, and knot-tying. On the first of three fly-tying nights, DCNR's Curtis Sherwood talked about the importance of watersheds and stream order and demonstrated this "cool" watershed model. Our chapter assisted participants in tying a San Juan worm and a Walt's worm, and taught basic tying techniques. On the second night, Sherwood talked about the importance of macroinvertebrates and stream health and helped our students identify live macros collected from Bushkill Creek. Our chapter assisted participants in tying a Pheasant Tail, Hare's Ear and a Wooly Bugger. On the third and final night, PATU Conservation Chair Brian Wagner talked about the history of mill dams on Bushkill Creek and the benefits of removing these obsolete dams. Our chapter assisted participants in tying an X-caddis and a poly wing comparadun.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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We held a spring cleanup along Hokendauqua Creek on April 27 at the Northampton Skate Park near Northampton High School. We sponsored six TIC projects in different school districts. Our monthly "Ties and Lies" has resumed. We gather once a month and tie flies, using this time to instruct new and advanced fly-tyers in different methods. Bill Nolan of PA Troutfitters Guide Service spoke about fishing in the Lehigh River during our February meeting. We completed our eight-week fly-tying course. We are sponsoring two youths to a conservation camp which will be held in June in New Hampshire.

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Pike-Wayne Chapter #462

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Due to two snowstorms, our January and February meetings were canceled. In March, member John Lasar provided fly-tying instruction. PWTU's annual banquet/fundraiser was April 13 at Lukan's Farm and Resort, Hawley. We coordinated activities with Pike and Wayne Conservation Districts, and Lackawac Sanctuary in the fall. The chapter also applied for a grant to purchase youth waders and closed-face reels. Western Wayne Middle School's TIC project released their trout fry into Center Creek on May 8. This year, Mark Nebzydoski, our TIC coordinator, is using wastewater to grow hydroponic lettuce. Chapter members from Project Healing Waters met at the Zane Grey Museum to fish the Lackawaxen River and honor disabled vets with a day of fly-fishing on April 27. We're taking a trip to the Beaverkill River in June.

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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No report.

Shehawken Chapter #81

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We attended a presentation of Trutta Solutions' stream profiling initiative for the Upper Delaware, Shehawken Creek, and Equinunk Creek. Trutta Solutions, a midwestern environmental consulting firm, worked with the Shehawken Chapter on a "High Density Stream Survey" for portions of Shehawken and Equinunk creeks in the Upper Delaware River Watershed. The survey provided a multi-dimensional characterization of the stream and streambanks that can be used to assess strengths and vulnerabilities in habitat conditions and to identify areas where restoration projects are needed. The chapter continues to work with Trutta to explore useful ways to use the data to advance our restoration agenda and to educate our members about watershed conservation.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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No report.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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Monthly board meetings were held at the White Have Library in conjunction with civic groups and library staff to develop plans for the 2nd Annual White Haven Trout Festival on June 1. In February, WPTU held its first Trout Literature Night with members and the public gathering at the library to discuss their favorite trout fishing books and articles, including those by Hemingway, Schwiebert, Haig-Brown, and more. WPTU held its first Round Table program in March, discussing many issues facing the Lehigh River and Poconos. These included Francis E. Walter Dam releases, warehouses, acid mine drainage, etc. Dean Druckenmiller of the Lehigh River Coldwater Fishing Alliance and current PATU southeast regional vice president, and Bill Schmitt of WPTU got the conversations going with information on these topics. Bryan Hudreck, project engineer for an I-80 bridge construction project, provided an update on its effects for the Lehigh River. Rich Trojanecki of North Pocono CARE updated all on the work they are doing on the Upper Lehigh River at Thornhursts. Members of the Lehigh River Stocking Association, White Haven Chamber of Commerce, and White Haven Library officials also attended, as did members of the Brodhead and Hokendaqua chapters. WPTU sponsored a Trout Season Kickoff on April 17 at the Nescopeck State Park office. Pocono trout fisherman, author, artist, and aquatic biologist Don Baylor provided a video and narrative on his recent trip to the Patagonia region of Argentina.

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CCTU attended NLC Delaware River Working Group meetings Jan. 27, Feb. 26 and March 25

in Edison, NJ, a FUDR macroinvertebrate study presentation on Feb. 7, and an Angler's Club of NY meeting via Zoom on Feb. 28. Our banquet was March 3. The chapter hosted a trip to Spring Creek in Bellefonte in March. CCTU members participated in Catawissa Creek Restoration Association meetings regarding AMD mitigation/abatement. We hosted a litter cleanup at our sponsored Orangeville access site on April 4 and planted approximately 200 trees at Kocher Park in Lightstreet on April 6. CCTU is supporting TIC at Central Columbia and Benton Area school districts. Recent chapter meetings were April 9 and March 14 at the Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg. Fly-tying sessions were April 16 and May 21 at the Lightstreet Community Fire Hall in Bloomsburg. Recent chapter events included the Trout Rodeo casting contest on April 19 at the Lightstreet Community Fire Company Carnival Grounds, a trip to Pioneer Campground in Muncy Valley, PA, a trip to Penns Creek on April 20 and a Fish-n'-Fun event on June 1 at Kocher Park in Orangeville, PA. The CCTU picnic is from 6-8 p.m. on June 11 at Benton Park, Benton. A CCTU trip to the West Branch of the Delaware River is June 14-16.

God's Country Chapter #327

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We held meetings in January, February, and March. In January, the chapter met with the new fly-fishing club at Northern Potter High School, and passed along a plethora of tying materials received from the family of Corkie Sauve, a founding member of the chapter. It included 14 vises and related equipment to help get them started. The chapter sponsored Mason Roessner to the River's Conservation Fly Fishing Youth Camp in June. We also made donations to the Coudersport Library (our meeting location), the Northern Potter Biology Club trip, UAWA, and the Anglers Club. We used February and March meetings to finalize our 15th PHWFF event held May 21-24 at Big Moore's Run Fish and Game Preserve. It was in "Honor of all Donors, Volunteers, and Care Givers." An Environmental Day for students and a roadside cleanup were held in April along the DHO section on the Upper Allegheny. Fly-fishing club students assisted.

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Honey Creek has already been reported and is

an ongoing issue. PA DEP informed the chapter that two stream monitoring devices were placed in the stream and have been active. We created a new website at www.pennscreektu.org. The chapter hosted an outing to Big Spring Creek. Three chapter members attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference in February. The chapter held its annual banquet on Feb. 24, which was our most successful banquet to date. PCTU held a stream cleanup on March 23 at Kish Park. Three chapter members assisted PFBC and PATU in Bellefonte with food and egg packing for the TIC program in January. Several chapter members conducted fly-tying classes at Little Buffalo State Park. The chapter had several TIC release dates scheduled in April and May. The Mifflin County Conservation District has several projects queued up this year, and the chapter will assist when possible.

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This year saw changes in the curriculum for our beginner fly-tying classes. A review of past practices showed we were teaching several different patterns, but proficiency may be lacking. As a result, we changed from an emphasis on tying specific patterns to an emphasis on tying skills built through repetition. One of our most seasoned tyers, Rick Kintzer, took the lead in introducing this model to our fly-tying students. We averaged about 20 students per session for each of the 10 weeks of instruction. Students not only left the class with a foundation of tying skills, but also a nice collection of basic flies. Our conservation banquet has been a chapter tradition since the 1970s. Guide Dusty Wissmath spoke about fly-fishing in Patagonia and Iceland. Many surely left thinking about making one or both beautiful places a destination adventure. We recognized the following chapter volunteers: Dave Rebuck was the recipient of the Warren Wolfe Conservation Award. As an aquatic biologist for DEP, Dave has been protecting PA's cold water resources for decades. As the current chapter secretary, Dave goes above and beyond the duties of his office and is known for the macroinvertebrate samples he provides for all kinds of educational activities. Bill Walters received the Service Award. Quiet and humble, Bill is always willing and ready to serve the chapter whenever and wherever there is a need. He is familiar to anyone who attends chapter events and is the guy working behind the scenes to get things prepared or to tear down after.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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The chapter upgraded and rehailed its website

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A museum-worthy presentation...



Contributed Photo

A specially designed, custom-made shadow box containing fly patterns designed and tied by professional fly-tyer, conservationist and longtime president of the Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited Randy Buchanan was presented to the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association. The presentation was made on March 2, 2024 at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show. The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum, which is open to the public, is located at 101 Shady Lane Carlisle, PA 17013 and houses displays, memorabilia and information of the many legendary fly anglers of Pennsylvania.

Participating in the presentation of the Randy Buchanan Shadow Box are, from left, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited President and MLTU member Lenny Lichvar, Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association board member Bill Skilton, MLTU member and Randy Buchanan's wife Pat Buchanan, and PFFMA board member Tom Baltz.

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and has been posting updates on a new Instagram page. The chapter is also starting to engage with professionals to draft a new three-year strategic plan. Three members received awards at our annual banquet, including Jamie SanFilippo, who won the Order of the Sulphur Award; Hazel Stryker, who won the Phillips-Brenchley Award; and Ford Stryker, who won the prestigious George Harvey Memorial Award. The chapter held its first "CHOPPED" fly-tying competition at Axemann Brewery where contestants had limited tying materials to construct a nymph, dry fly, and streamer and were judged on fishability and creativity. With the help of the State Theatre, SCTU hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour. Members attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference and had a table with our Women Anglers group. Longtime member Bob Carline presented the "Utility of Redd Counts" based off the yearly redd count our chapter holds along the length of Spring Creek. Our annual banquet was March 2 at Mt. View Country Club. The chapter and Women Anglers helped promote Joe Humphreys' 95th birthday "Live the Stream" film celebration at the State Theatre. Planning has begun for stream restoration projects on Spring Creek, Bald Eagle Creek, and Sparrow Run. Restoration on Spring Creek will take place mostly in Millbrook Marsh around Slab Cabin Run. The total cost of all three projects is \$860,046. The chapter hosted Fly-Fishing 101 classes as well as beginner and intermediate fly-tying classes. Thanks to Judi Sittler, the chapter supported six TIC tanks this year. The Women Anglers met on Penns Creek as well as at Fisherman's Paradise. The group also held an outing on May 19 that started with a casting demo and practice with Joe Humphreys. They and the chapter supported the PATU Women's Leadership, Diversity & Inclusion Retreat May 17-19. The Women Anglers funded three copies of George Daniel's book, "Fly Fishing Evolution," that are available at Schlow Library and Centre County libraries. A couple Women Anglers participated in a PFBC virtual program, "Steelhead Fishing 101" and then enjoyed a successful steelhead fishing trip. Our Conservation Committee secured Growing Greener grants for multiple projects. These include \$211,341 for Slab Cabin Run watershed restoration in Millbrook Marsh and \$165,000 for Bald Eagle Creek watershed restoration, totaling \$376,341. For the same two projects, the committee was also able to get funding from a CAP grant, Wildlife for Everyone (USFWS), and PennDOT funding totaling \$45,100, \$130,000, and \$95,000, respectively. In January, Rick Kustich talked about fly-fishing for Great Lakes steelhead. In February, Nicole Flanders, a third-year student from Penn State Altoona, presented on the invasive New Zealand Mud Snail in Spring Creek. In March, Bill Anderson from the Little Juniata River Association, spoke about fishing the Little J. Mark Nale spoke at the chapter's meeting on May 2 and presented nature photography tips that

apply to cell phones as well as digital cameras. In conjunction with ClearWater Conservancy's Watershed Cleanup Day, the chapter held its annual Spring Creek cleanup on April 20. We picked up trash at three sites this year, including Rock Road, McCoy Dam, and Millbrook Marsh. SCTU participated in Centre Gives on May 8-9. Our annual Family Fishing Picnic was June 2 at Tussey Mountain Pond.

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The chapter received and acknowledged a number of generous donations of fishing tackle, books, lure making and rod building supplies, art prints and posters, and fly-tying supplies for use by beginning anglers and veterans/first respond-



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ers and to sell at future fund-raising events and raffles, as well as a several cash donations. Steve Martin and Walt Nicholson participated at the Keystone Coldwater Conference in February. We continue to coordinate with the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association, EPCAMR, and SRBC on monitoring and rehab of AMD treatment systems and tributary streams of the Upper Loyalsock Creek Watershed. STU participated at the initial Lycoming County Countywide Action Plan meeting on Jan. 22 regarding projects to reduce nutrient pollution in area waterways. We met with the PGC on March 18 regarding the Fisher Mine permit renewal and potential impact on Otter Run, a tributary to Little Pine Creek. We also discussed policies regarding visual impacts from pipelines and access roads and PGE developments on SGL 134. Walt Nicholson and Steve Martin had a Zoom call with Lisa Grab, a Penn State graduate student, on the ATV Pilot survey. They expressed our concerns about impacts from expanded ATV trails, and provided her with contact info for retired district foresters. We continue to monitor and comment on legislative activities, as appropriate, such as the proposed "stream cleaning" bill (currently tabled). STU completed a seven-week beginner's fly-tying course. Our Jan. 10 chapter meeting featured Scott Koser, program manager for the PA Coldwater Habitat Program of TU, and Brian Cooper, TU's Acid Mine Drainage Project Manager. The PFBC WCOs and Commissioner Eric Hussart presented the Feb. 15 chapter program and provided an update of current and planned PFBC activities including fishing regulations, approved trout waters, special regulation fishing areas, stream access, and stocking. Dave Rothrock gave an outstanding program about diversified nymph fishing techniques at our March 13 chapter meeting. The chapter has established a lending library of over 300 fishing books, periodicals, and videos available to all members. Joe Radley and Steve

Martin cataloged recent book donations. Some will be passed on to Hughesville and Sullivan County libraries. Chapter members continue to support the Hughesville High School fly-fishing club for fly-tying, casting, and fishing instruction. We participated at the Muncy Creek cleanup on March 3. Walt Nicholson gave a program about the Trout Unlimited conservation mission at the Montoursville Rotary Club's meeting on Feb. 6. We met with State Rep. Jamie Flick and staff and offered help on his Youth Fishing Day on April 20 and discussed coldwater conservation issues. We had an Intro to Fly-Fishing program with the PFBC's Amidea Daniel on May 4. Tim Palmer presented his new book about lessons learned from Hurricane Agnes at our May meeting. Service Partnership coordinator Charlie Knowlden received a donation of 10 5- to 8-weight fly-rod blanks from Anglers Pro Shop in Souderton. We purchased handles, reel seats and guides for these rods, bringing our inventory to 14 complete kits.

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Our meeting location has changed to the Tioga County Conservation District Office located at 1867 Shumway Hill Road, Wellsboro, Pa. Thermal imaging flights of Long Run near Gaines were completed Jan. 22 by TU's Jacob Fetterman. Data analysis has been received and was reviewed via Zoom. The data proved very valuable. The next step is to prioritize thermal inputs from the images and then visit those sites this summer with thermometers and tape measures to determine their significance. Habitat enhancement will then be planned to enhance the coldwater inputs and better provide thermal refuge for trout when thermal stress becomes an issue. This is a novel attempt using new drone technology to build climate resiliency into the watershed. Several members helped assess culverts for AOP in the Pine Creek watershed in March. The chapter will also be collecting macroinvertebrates on Long Run this spring. Tiadaghton TU will be involved in tree planting in various Pine Creek tributaries. These riparian plantings are held each spring in conjunction with the Pine Creek Watershed Council. We have planted 12,500 trees in the last five years. We assisted National TU with a riparian planting along Blockhouse Creek in May in conjunction with Vo-Ag students from North-Penn Liberty High School. The chapter completed five sessions for beginning fly-tyers in February and March. TTU assisted with a youth fishing experience for Northern Potter students at Big Moore's Lodge in April. Brian Cooper, TU's project manager for Pennsylvania's Abandoned Mine Drainage Program presented at our April meeting. Chapter meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month except for July and August.

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The chapter held its 58th annual fundraiser on April 13 at Luigi's Villa in DuBois. It was a huge success with 140 attendees. Next year's event will be April 12. Our joint picnic with the Iron Furnace Chapter was May 15 at Walter Dick Park in Brookville. On April 20, we held our annual spring cleanup at the Tannery Dam. We will be having a willow-cutting day so that students can plant willow plugs at Camp Mountain Run along Mountain Lick Run and complement the tree-planting year. Monitoring continues on our tree planting from several years ago at the splash dam on Montgonery Run. The trees are just now getting large enough to show some impact on water temperatures. We continue to assist the Brockway FFA in getting its tree nursery ready to support our riparian tree planting in the future. We hosted a station on invasive plants and identifying macros found in local streams at Punxsutawney Elementary School in May. On June 17, weather permitting, AMTU is participating in a watershed follow-up on Sandy Lick Creek with PFBC to help find what impacted the hatchery trout stocked in February. The chapter sent a letter to PFBC and talked with Commissioner Brock asking to stop stocking brook trout in flowing waters in Jefferson County. While the commission does not stock brook trout in the north-central region, they continue to stock brook trout in waters that have native brook trout. We again hosted the fly-fishing club at DuBois Middle School on May 3. AMTU is hosting Environmental Day at Camp Mountain Run with DuBois Middle School. Our annual

fly-tying roundtable wrapped up mid-March with attendance being consistent each week. The chapter had a one-day roundtable at Punxy Pizza in January. Our fly-tying class was a success.

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Floods destroyed a bridge and blocked fish passage on McCanna Run, a designated wilderness trout stream in our region. The chapter partnered with the Clarion Conservation District and funded an emergency project to rebuild the bridge and restore the stream channel. Cross vanes, muddills, and root-wads were installed in the stream. Chapter leaders recently visited the site and were impressed with the transformation. Our winter meetings were well attended. Guest speakers included stream restoration specialist Phil Thomas from TU and Shaun Wessell from the Jefferson Conservation District. We had a great turnout for the Keystone Coldwater Conference, with 12 chapter members attending. Finally, chapter leaders have been busy planning our annual raffle/fundraising drive. The drawing for many great prizes will be June 21 at Lost in the Wilds Brewing. Join us for a fun evening celebrating our accomplishments while raising funds to continue these important projects.

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The chapter hosted the IF4 Film Festival at**

the Tom Ridge Environmental Center. The major fundraiser for our chapter, it was a huge success, and we are already working on how to improve it for next year. We also had the opportunity to do some instruction for North East School District's Stem and Vine initiative, which also includes TIC. Fly-tying and fly-casting demos gave students an opportunity to develop fly-fishing and tying skills as well as a few useful knots. The chapter participated with partner Asbury Woods for the unveiling of their recently hatched trout eggs. This event gave parents and students a chance to become familiar with the TIC program. We also hosted a charity keg event at a local Six Pack House of Beer.

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Barry Wilson, our chapter's website chair, has been making much-needed updates and revisions to the OCTU website. These include folders for participating TIC schools, Veterans Service Program events, Dirt and Gravel Roads information, and making events pages current. OCTU's storage shed needs some work and membership approved repairs and improvements to be completed. The tentative date for our 40th annual banquet is Sept. 7. This year's venue is the Franklin Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Venango County Dirt & Gravel Road Committee met in December. Funds were allocated for projects, including one for work on the road for Sandy Creek along the river. The committee was to meet again in May for new projects if funds were left over. We contacted the Venango Conservation District about taking pictures at the different rock and gravel improvement project sites to include these on the chapter website, if approved. Every five years, Harrisburg interviews dirt and gravel road participants in the field. Local interviews were in April. Barry Wilson, our TIC chair, did a great job visiting and keeping in touch with all the TIC classes this year. Sandy Creek Elementary TIC provided their photos for the Oil Creek TU Facebook Page. Our Veterans Service Program event was scheduled for May 18 at the Sandy Creek Conservancy. We donated to the Cranberry High School Conservation Club and the Franklin YMCA again this year. Special guest at our January meeting was Dan Pastore, commissioner for Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission District No. 1. He described the PRISM initiative, which is a pilot program dealing with the problem of invasive species. They are getting the application process together. We discussed the situation of restricted access on Little Sandy Creek.

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The chapter partnered with Mainstream Outfitters to host the Fly Fishing Film Tour on Feb. 29 in Jamison, PA. Our annual fund raising raffle was held during the March 7 chapter meeting. We continue working with National TU and Solebury Township to develop the restoration scope and approval process and to develop cost estimates. There has been some damage observed at our Watson Creek project. We need to make a more complete assessment to determine what work is necessary. Bucks TU made a presentation in March at the Great Swamp Fish and Game, Quakertown. The presentation focused on the chapter's conservation work: Watson Creek, Aquetong Creek, Cooks Creek, and Silver Creek. We support five TIC projects. The newest one is at the Bucks County Youth Center. In addition, the center has expressed interest in getting fly-tying, casting and fishing instruction. We also received an inquiry from an elementary school in the southern part of the county for next year. The chapter received a grant to be used in the Aquetong Creek restoration. Robert Lindquest presented "Tactics and Techniques for All Seasons" at our April 4 meeting. Christian Sloan presented "Fishing for Striped Bass at the Jersey Shore" at our May 2 meeting. Our chapter picnic is June 6 at Aquetong Creek Park. Fall meetings are Sept. 5, Oct. 3 and Nov. 7.

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The streambank in the CRFFO section of Ridley Creek is eroding almost beyond repair. We collected Christmas trees and delivered them to Marsh Creek for a tree sinking project. We are currently involved with a TIC program at Strath Haven Middle School. In February, Domenick Swentosky of Troutbitten.com spoke at our meeting. In March, Bill Nolan of PA Troutfitters presented on the Lehigh River and big water fishing.

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Post-construction data collection began in April with the sampling of macroinvertebrates. A fish survey will take place in early August. Water monitoring equipment will be in place at the construction site throughout the spring. If you see the equipment, please do not disturb it. If you observe anyone tampering with the equipment, please email info@lltu.org or contact a LLTU board member ASAP. We picked up a few new TIC partners in 2024. We are also working to connect with past partners in order to reclaim equipment that is no longer in use.

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Our Fly Fishing Film Festival in Phoenixville was April 18. The chapter's annual picnic is June 15. Current projects include Camelot Park Montgomery County construction, which is scheduled to begin in July, and Phase 2 of Longacre Farm Berks County construction set to begin in August. We are also projecting stream restoration for three dam removal sites. Other activities include tree planting and maintenance at Longacre Farm/West Branch Perkiomen Creek and at Green Lane Park and AQUA PA Property on West Branch Perkiomen Creek and Main Branch Perkiomen Creek. We hosted a fly-tying event on Feb. 10. We have TIC programs in eight of our nine local schools. Release dates were scheduled for May. Recent speakers included Don Baylor on fly-fishing in Argentina, and Brian Shumaker presenting "Smallmouth Top to Bottom." The chapter's annual pig roast picnic at Longacre Farm is June 15.

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The chapter held its annual "Polar Bear" fishing outing on the third Saturday in January. A spring stocking took place on the Pennypack that flows within the Pennypack Trust. We held a flea market at our March meeting. Beginners and advanced fly-tying classes were held on Tuesday nights in

February. All nine of our TIC schools did well and set release dates.

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The chapter's Mantawney Creek project is progressing. We are kicking off the project in June/July due to the stocking schedule. Riparian buffers and stream wall restoration are being considered for the new plan. We are creating a stream survey to help capture data to use to work with ACOE to accommodate dam flows for fish resiliency. We supported TIC projects across 29 schools. Our Fly Fishing Film Tour event was April 18 at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville. The Tully TU Eco 5k was April 21 at PSU-Berks. Our board meets June 19 and July 17 at the Tully House. We are working with PFBC on a Snakehead program for July.

Valley Forge Chapter #290

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On Feb. 5, we learned our tax exempt status had been automatically revoked by the IRS for failing to file Form 990 for three consecutive years. We had mailed the forms, but were unaware that starting with tax year 2020, the forms were required to be filed electronically and as such, the IRS had not officially received them. We are working with Quinton Collins at TU and have engaged the law firm Charitable Allies to carry out our application for retroactive reinstatement. As a result of our status being revoked, we cancelled our annual trout show because we cannot run raffle at this time. The chapter is keeping an eye on several issues, including the Heidelberg Quarry and West Valley Creek, a proposed cell phone tower construction near the intersection of the Pennsylvania Turnpike and Valley Forge Road, East Whiteland construction and muddy water discharge, Buckeye pipeline exposure in Pickering Creek, a property development across Route 29 at Valley Creek Park, the Knickerbocker development and the Bishop Tube DEP HSCA site mitigation in which the developer's plan was approved through March. Stream data collection continues in Valley Creek. Chapter members performed our annual macroinvertebrate collection at six sites. We applied for a Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Watershed Restoration and Protection Program Grant for Crabby Creek headwaters infiltration trenches (\$100,000). The VFTU Fly-Fishing School was May 19. Our membership meetings are the second Thursday of each month for March, April, June, July and August at The Barn at Upland Farm Park, 301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA.

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The chapter received a 2024 Governor's Environmental Excellence Award for its role in a project at the Zeigler Mill Road Access Site. The project resulted in the permanent protection of 58 acres of unspoiled land and retired agricultural land along and adjacent to Conewago Creek in Adams County. Work completed on the project by ACTU includes: Entering into a 25-year agreement with the PFBC under which the chapter is responsible for maintaining and improving the site, constructing a 10-car parking lot, installing a 60-foot-long mud sill in the creek to improve trout habitat, planting more than 300 native trees and shrubs to protect the riparian environment, and removing extensive growths of invasive species on 10 acres of land, which is prompting the regrowth of native plants. Dave Swope, Jerry Gladfelter, Richard Lewis, Rick Franzese, and Frank Kozak attended the Governor's Environmental Excellence Award ceremony in Harrisburg on April 30. This July, the most significant stream restoration project in the history of the chapter will take place along the upper CRFFO section of Conewago Creek. Habitat devices will be installed and/replaced along an approximately 0.4-mile section of the creek. PFBC will perform the work and be supported by ACTU if needed. The chapter will lead or support the following upcoming educational activities: Southcentral Outdoors for Youth on June 1, Funfest 2024 ("Adventure Begins at Your Library") on June 14, and Gettysburg Nature Alliance's "Go Fish, Gettysburg" on June 29. We also assisted at the Latimore Youth Fishing Derby on May 11, Middle School Fishing Day on May 16 and New Oxford Middle School's Environmental Day on May 20. The chapter intends to lay the groundwork for applying for an Embrace A Stream grant in 2025. WCO Rachel Turner-Diaz provided an update on

recent fishing activities and issues, and the spring stocking at our May 15 meeting. Jake Villwock with Relentless Fly Fishing will present "Fly-Fishing for Smallmouth" at our June 19 meeting at Adams County Conservation District Office, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg.

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We collaborated with the Doc Fritchey Chapter on an informational booth at Bass Pro Shop on March 16-17. CVTU also had an informational booth at the Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association community open house on March 16. Our first Veterans/First Responder Service Program (in cooperation with Doc Fritchey Chapter and *Fly Fisherman* magazine) was April 27 at Quittie Creek Park in Annville. Our annual spring fund-raiser/awards banquet was April 20. The event was renamed the Limestoner Spring Fly Fling, and expanded to include an all-day team fishing event followed by the banquet in the early evening. The Barnitz Church Yellow Breeches summer in-stream project tolerated some high water events. Winter fly-tying courses for beginners and intermediates ran Jan. 22 through March 11 at the Carlisle Stuart Community Center. Our January speaker was Josh Miller, author, and coach for the USA Youth Fly Fishing Team. In February was Jeff Blood, Erie steelhead guide. In March was Tim Schaeffer, executive director of PFBC. Membership meetings are the third Wednesday of each month except August and December at Mt. Zion Crossroad Church in Mt. Holly Springs. Our next meeting is June 19 streamside on the Yellow Breeches at Messiah University.

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Donegal Chapter #037

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Clean Water Partners awarded DTU \$400,000 for the Dellinger Run Project. Since these are federal funds, prevailing wages and sealed bids are required. The sealed bids were opened on March 8 with Aquatic Resource Restoration Company and Flyway Excavating submitting bids. We as-

sembled a committee both from within and outside of DTU to review and evaluate the two bids. The winning bid was awarded on March 15. A total of six properties are involved in our Donegal Creek project and is estimated at \$330,000. PFBC, Lancaster County Conservation District, and Penn State are funding the project and waiting for the landowners to sign various agreements. Conservation contracted with a professional firm to mow and apply herbicide on four buffer projects. DTU received a \$5,000 grant for SRBC to offset the cost. DTU completed a final review of its Fishing Creek ARP proposal and submitted edits to DEP and will sign the ARP once DEP makes the final revision. Conservation is interviewing various organizations that can assist DTU in completing the inspections of affected farm in the Watershed. DTU is in the process of organizing various committees that will be necessary for this multi-tiered undertaking. The LCCD Board presented DTU and its partners with the Conservation Watershed Award for the Simeon Esh project. Three schools are interested in starting TIC programs next year. The Lancaster newspaper included our TIC program in an article about city schools and outdoor learning programs. We are sponsoring one student at the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in June. DTU had a table at the Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster, with assistance from National TU. At the show, we displayed the new backdrop we use for all our speaker meetings. We have revised our logo to meet National standards, re-established our YouTube channel, and set-up credit card payments and an online DTU store.

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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We participated in the Greencastle TIC event on May 16 at Caledonia State Park. The chapter is assisting at a youth event held by Waynesboro Fish & Game on June 8. Our Edwards Ave. project is moving forward. We have signed contractor and landowner agreements and will begin construction in June/July. The chapter completed trash cleanup along Falling Spring Road on April 27. We have begun monthly meetings at the Grove Library in Chambersburg. Steve Harry presented "Local Waters Entomology" in April. Sarah Bartle, local WCO, was our May presenter. Mike Heck will do a presentation on "Spring Creeks" in June.

Muddy Creek Chapter #575

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Our third annual Cabin Fever event was held at the Stewartstown American Legion on Feb. 3. Unfortunately, longtime and very active chapter member Walt Lister passed away over the summer last year. Walt was an integral part of Cabin Fever, and just about every other fundraising

activity the chapter sponsors each year. Moving forward, Cabin Fever will be named for Walt. MCTU participated in the inaugural Red Lion Fishing Show held on March 2. This event leans a bit more toward spin fishing and bass anglers, but gives us an opportunity to grow chapter membership. MCTU was well represented with food and merch stands at two locations on Muddy Creek on the opening day of trout season. We are in the process of applying for a Cooperative Nursery Grant from PFBC to upgrade electrical service and refurbish our stocking trailer. These improvements will enhance the overall quality of oxygenated water in the nursery and on the trailer as we transport our fish to stocking locations in our watershed. Our chapter sponsored a Vision Core fishing event on May 11 at our handicapped fishing area on Tom's Run, a tributary to the Muddy Creek Watershed. This annual event gives visually challenged children and adults the opportunity to engage in a trout fishing experience with the support of MCTU members. We have a women's fly-fishing event scheduled for June 8. We are currently accepting applications for the Muddy Creek Watershed Conservation Scholarship. This scholarship program was founded by Walt Lister and Dan Dellinger and supports a graduating senior within the watershed who is pursuing secondary education in support of a watershed conservation related field. Our March chapter meeting featured Brad Ritter, who operates Drifted Hook Guide Service and specializes in smallmouth bass on the Susquehanna and Juniata rivers.

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The Chestnut Ridge Chapter held its annual banquet March 23 at Hugo's Restaurant in Brownsville, PA. The event was well attended, and all had a good time. Special thanks to banquet chairman Eugene Gordon and Candy Gordon for their dedication to this fundraiser, which makes the rest of CRTU's work possible. We held litter cleanups on two trout streams in our area. CRTU's members split into squads on March 30. One cleaned trash along Dunbar Creek in State Game Lands 51, and along Dunbar-Ohiopyle Road as we've done for 25 years on the Saturday before trout season opens. Another team cleaned up the Delayed Harvest section of Pike Run in Washington County. Members made a concerted push in the first quarter to renew their volunteer Child Abuse Clearance certificates with the PA Department of Human Services. Clearance enables our members to work with children and youth during our youth fishing experiences. To complement this effort, our CRTU nursery committee began placing trout from our nursery at Yough trailrace in various locations dedicated to youth fishing. This continued through May. CRTU remains active in TIC, providing guidance to several participating schools, and one school applying for funding to begin its program. We committed financial and volunteer support in an agreement with Habitat Partners, affiliated with PennWest University to implement a physical habitat improvement project within the downstream Delayed Harvest area of Laurel Hill Creek. This section is largely featureless. The project will place boulders, cross-vanes, and other structures to enhance trout habitat. We informed officials at Ohiopyle State Park that CRTU intends to "Adopt" Jonathan Run, an appealing mountain freestone that flows for eight miles through the park to the Youghiogheny River. Jonathan Run was once an approved trout stream but suffered mining impacts in the early 1980s. In 2022 we, in cooperation with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, began treating Jonathan Run's upper reach with alkaline limestone sand. We are now planning regular chemical and biological monitoring with Mountain Watershed Association. We are also working with the park to improve the Jonathan Run hiking trail, which we hope, one day, will also serve as access for trout anglers. Members also improved a fishing access trail to the harder-to-reach eastern bank of Meadow Run within Ohiopyle State Park. The trail heads at the Dinner Bell Road Ranger Station. Our chapter installed Laurel Highlands Trout Trail signs on Dunbar Creek, Meadow Run, and the Youghiogheny River. The chapter worked with Forbes Trail, Penns Woods West, and Mountain Laurel chapters on the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail project. We are planning with the PGC and

the Fayette Conservation District to save hemlocks along Dunbar Creek from hemlock woolly adelgid infestation. Hemlock shade helps maintain cooler water temperatures. Our members also provided volunteer help to the Native Plant sale sponsored by the Southern Laurel Highlands Plant and Pest Management Partnership. Receipts from the popular plant sale at Ohiopyle State Park fund invasive species management, including eastern hemlock conservation, in our region. The chapter president attended the 2024 Keystone Coldwater Conference, and CRTU provided a donation to PATU to enable a Penn State student to attend this worthwhile event tuition-free.

Forbes Trail Chapter #206

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DCNR has approved our proposed limestone treatment system for the headwaters of Linn Run, Westmoreland County. Our recently completed Coldwater Conservation Plan identified a need for treatment to improve the survival rate of wild brook trout in the nursery waters. We have started to do more extensive baseline studies of water quality, macroinvertebrates, and wild brook trout populations in the headwaters, prior to liming. Volunteers assisted with the annual fish food and egg packing activities for the TIC program at the PFBC's Bellefonte facilities. The Gray Hackle Gang (FTTU members and guests) completed another winter season of bi-weekly lunch and fly-tying sessions at The Tin Lizzy in Youngstown. The chapter completed its three-month, in-classroom program with the Ligonier Valley Middle School's Outdoor Club teaching coldwater conservation lessons, fly-tying and casting. The chapter took the students fishing on Loyalhanna Creek as their final activity. FTTU participated in the annual capstone project for seniors at Latrobe Area High School teaching coldwater conservation and fly-casting. We held our first "Students Exploring the Outdoors with TU" program partnering with the PFBC and Ligonier Valley Elementary schools. Each day, 40 fifth grade students, in groups of seven, rotated through training stations teaching about macroinvertebrates, fly-tying, casting, water safety, and riparian buffers. The final activity was fishing on Fourmile Run. All 80 students caught at least one trout. Students from the Middle School Outdoor Club program, who we taught earlier this year, served as junior mentors for the fifth graders. Forbes Trail is sponsoring a "Poker Run" between April 6 and July 31, 2024 to promote the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail. Details are on our website at www.laurelhighlandstrouttrail.org. Participants must fish all 10 streams. Raffle prizes will be awarded for adult and youth categories. Anyone is welcome to participate.

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We are partnering with the Blair County Conservation District on possibly four projects and another on Canoe Creek in Canoe Creek State Park. The permitting process has started, and we expect to complete a few projects this year and the Canoe Creek project in 2025. On April 27, the chapter held its Adopt A Highway cleanup along Plum Creek Road, which parallels Plum Creek, a Class A wild trout stream. On Jan. 2, we held our first Fly-Tyer's Round table with 12 of the best tyers in the area. Our free, eight-week fly-tying program ran Saturdays from Jan. 6 to Feb 24 with 25-plus students. We had seven schools participate in the TIC program. On March 11, chapter members attended Pennmont Academy's STEM night and presented students with information on macroinvertebrates. The chapter held another Intro to Fly-Fishing on March 24.

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A group tour with PFBC, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Indiana County Conservation District, and KSTU took place on the DHFFO section of Little Mahoning Creek to make plans to construct fish habitat structures. Two local students are sponsored to attend the PATU camp in July. Our annual banquet was March 16. At our January meeting, chapter officer Bobby Kish presented "Methodically Mastering Pressured Trout." Our annual "Fly-Tyers Round Robin" was in February and featured a number of fly-tyers and businesses. On April 9, author Dave Zielinski presented his "Cicada" program and featured his book "Cicada Madness." We held a litter cleanup on April 21 on the DHFFO section of Little Mahoning Creek. Also in April, we conducted a KSTU program at an outdoor field day for Indiana Area Senior High School. We conducted our annual macro invertebrate surveys of Little Mahoning Creek and its tributary Cessna Run on May 14. On June 8 is our "Women's Intro to Fly-Fishing" for the Indiana County Friends of the Park program.

Mountain Laurel Chapter #040

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Our annual banquet was March 23. It was our first event in the new venue and nearly 200 people attended. The chapter is planning numerous projects this summer, including Phase 3 of Stewart Run, Potter Creek, and others. Dates and more info will be coming. Litter pickups were held on Bens Creek and Little Paint Creek. The chapter held fly-tying classes in January and February. We also presented story boards, coldwater

conservation topics, live macroinvertebrates, and fly-tying at the Nature Works event held at Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center on March 9. The chapter supported numerous local school districts with TIC programs, including Richland Elementary, Shade-Central City, Blacklick Valley, Divine Mercy, and Forest Hills. Chapter members were on hand during releases to assist and provide casting demonstrations/instructions. Our next meeting is June 6 at the Richland Township Municipal Building at 7 p.m.

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Penn's Woods West met in January to host our annual Joe Cline Fly Sale where we had featured tyers as well as many boxes as flies as one can imagine from midges to streamers, dry to wet flies and everything in between. PWWTU's 23rd annual Cabin Fever event was Feb. 25 at the Hilton DoubleTree Cranberry. Speakers included George Daniels, Josh Miller, Dusty Wissmuth and Morgan Biticofer. We had over 1,000 attendees and over 75 vendors making it the largest Cabin Fever ever. PWWTU's women started their season with their usual January lunch. In February, we anticipated a whatever the weather trip to Erie or to Pine Creek, but the weather didn't cooperate and for the safety of everyone we canceled the event. In March, we officially started our fishing season with a trip to Buffalo Creek in Armstrong County. The women's group is currently putting together their monthly agenda for the year and it is available at www.PWWTU.org.