

MUDDY MATTERS

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter #575 of Trout Unlimited

TO CONSERVE PROTECT AND RESTORE THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED.



Fall 2018 Issue

From the President's Vest

The spring and summer has been full of rain, but we hope that in between or even among the rain drops that you have been out enjoying the fishing in the Muddy Creek watershed!

As many of you know, the Co-Operative Nursery has sustained quite a bit of damage due flooding in early September. In fact, just over 100 of hold-over fish were "accidentally" stocked for us during the rain storm that wreaked havoc over the Muddy Creek Watershed. We were able to get things cleaned up enough that our Fingerlings were able to be received the end of September. As we continue to work to repair and restore the Co-Operative nursery, we also look forward to raising another group of Fingerlings through the winter.



Our chapter has been looking to find a conservation project since completing our work at the Bonham Wildlife Sanctuary. We believe the damaging rains may have helped us come back to our conservation roots a little quicker. While our immediate focus is on getting our Co-Operative Nursery up and running, we do recognize the need for stream restoration work around the watershed. Please feel free to contact me via phone or email (717-404-7642/ycpnurse@gmail.com) if you notice or are aware of a stream in need of restoration work.

In lighter news, we are excited to announce that our new website is up and running. Thanks to our webmaster, Adam, we have a fresh, fun, and modern website. We encourage our members to check it out and let us know what we did well and what you think is missing. Please email any comments and/or suggestions to me at ycpnurse@gmail.com.

Our fall/winter meetings (October-May) will be the Meadows in Dallastown; our meetings will continue to start at 7pm. Join us for pizza at 6:30 and/or dessert during the meeting. We will not hold a meeting in November, due to the Thanksgiving holiday; however, we will be having a Holiday Celebration Meal in December. Additional information on this meal can be found in the newsletter.

As always, please feel free to bring a friend, spouse, or prospective member.

Stay Fly,

Beth

Upcoming Events

December 5 - Greet and Eat Holiday Gathering

Mignanos Pizzaria Felton
Greet and Eat 6-8:00 PM
Brief Meeting 7pm

December 19 - General Meeting CANCELLED

January 16 - General Meeting

State of the Chapter Address
Meadows Frozen Custard
Greet and Eat 6:00 PM
Meeting 7pm

February 20 - General Meeting

Meadows Frozen Custard
Greet and Eat 6:00 PM
Meeting 7pm

March 17 - General Meeting

Meadows Frozen Custard
Greet and Eat 6:00 PM
Meeting 7pm

March 30 - Regional Trout Opening Day

Volunteer at a food Stand

FISHING NEWS

C&R FFO AREA AND BRIDGETON TO WOODBINE RECEIVED HOLDOVER TROUT STOCKINGS THIS FALL.

REMEMBER: THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED HAS OVER 9 MILES OF STREAM UNDER THE STOCKED TROUT WATERS PROGRAM WITH THE PAF&BC.

ALL OF THIS WATER IS OPEN BY THE GRACE OF GENEROUS LANDOWNERS. PLEASE RESPECT THEIR PROPERTY BY NOT LITTERING AND PICKING UP ANY TRASH YOU MAY FIND ALONG THE STREAM.



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SC Regional Office (717) 486-7087

RECOGNITION ROLE CALL

Keeping a volunteer organization afloat takes time and dedication; for many years, it seemed like the same small group of individuals would carry the weight of the chapter.

I am pleased to report that this dynamic is changing; therefore, I first want to give a heart-felt "thank you" to ALL of our chapter members. I also want to recognize

Nate Cozzens for filling the role as Co-Op Sponsorship Chair; you heard our cry for help and willingly stepped up without looking back.

Kevin Saylor, another new member, willingly represented our chapter at PATU and show characteristics of a future chapter leader.

Also to all those whom helped with the Nursery Clean up. We thank you!

STREAMSIDE INCUBATOR PROGRAM CONTINUES

2018 marks the 20th year for our Streamside Incubator Program. Each year MCTU plants 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs in the watershed using Whitlock-Vibert Boxes. Installed in spring fed incubators constructed from recycled refrigerators and freezers to maintain spring water temperatures. From here the eggs are left to hatch and fry released unassisted into the step across tributaries of the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Dozens of volunteers each year participate in the preparation and planting of the eggs in the incubators. This years preparation is complete as we write this but the planting will occur on November 21.

Please consider helping if you have the time from 9 am for a few hours planting the eggs.

PATCHES, PINS COOP SPONSORSHIPS

Coming this winter MCTU will be offering our Pins, Patches and Cooperative Sponsorships. Now more than in the past it is vital to make your support known as we have had above average expenses from the damage following the flooding at the end of August.

While we still have the 2018 patch available we are currently designing the 2019 patch. Our buttons are for sale at Snyder's Barber Shop in Dallastown.

And you should be soon receiving the plea for the Co-operative Nursery Sponsorship that along with the trout fund and buttons covers the nursery expenses. You will find a new twist here with the opportunity to have a patch mailed to your with your sponsorship confirmation.

LANDOWNER APPRECIATION PICNIC/FALL FEST 2018

The chapter recognized watershed landowners, chapter members and their families as well as local businesses that have contributed to the success of our activities this past year. More than 35 attendees met at Hershauil Park near Cross Roads on Saturday, September 22, 2018.

The Fall Fest included picnic lunch, raffles, and silent auctions.

The Chapter realized a fundraising profit of nearly \$900 to be used toward conservation, Trout in the Classroom Project, and other chapter activities. Several businesses contributed raffle items. If you visit any of the following in the upcoming months, please extend your appreciation for their support of our activities:

Allegro Vineyard
 Brown Orchards & Farm Market
 Leon Ness Jewelry Barn
 Walmart Shrewsbury
 The Meadows Frozen Custard
 Cape Horn Western Wear.

Bass Pro Shops
 Naylor Wine Cellars
 Perrydell Farms
 Walmart East York
 Modern Landfill

Golden Crust Pizza
 Kinsey Outdoors
 RIO Products
 Tri-Boro Construction
 Shanks Mare Outfitters



RED LION STREET FAIR REPORT

by Bob Shaffer

Again this year, MCCTU #575 supported the Red Lion Street Fair on Saturday, August 11, 2018.

The main purpose of our participation was to promote the activities of our organization in the Muddy Creek Watershed by providing an educational opportunity to the public, as well as generate some funds for the club from sale of beverages and merchandise. With the addition of new T-Shirt colors and custom made earrings, along with our traditional hats, buttons, and patch sales, this year's event generated record setting revenue for our mission.

Once again, we benefitted from good weather, which yielded strong interest at our booth. We were able to distribute literature and materials designed to promote and inform the public of our efforts to improve, protect, and preserve the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Thanks to the volunteers and visitors who helped make this year's event another success.

COOP NURSERY REPORT

Catastrophic! That's the only word that I can think of that describes my shock when I first saw the damage that was done to the nursery by the flood. The raceway was in shambles. Macadam from the roadway was washed beside it. Poles used for the plastic covering were partially broken and bent. Branches were 6 to 7 feet high on the pole structure. Two lids were completely washed away and others had damaged screens. The gable ends were either washed away or laying in pieces around the raceway. The raceway itself had a foot of silt, gravel and debris that had to be shoveled out by hand. And approximately 150 of the 500 holdover trout were gone. Everything used for keeping seedlings and plants for stream restoration including pots and tubing were gone. In addition, all of the stocking float barrels that were stored by the shed - gone! There are additional things that could be added to the list but were of lesser importance.



Many steps have already been taken to get things back into shape. It includes; new raceway lids, searching for and finding 6 of 13 float barrels washed away; cleaning the raceway; major grading and landscaping where soil was washed away, and preparation for the 8,000 brown trout fingerlings that were delivered two weeks after the flood. Although work continues now, some of it will not be completed until the spring or even early summer.

When you consider the cost for repairs and replacement of things washed away or damaged, we are talking about a couple thousand dollars. Unfortunately our insurance does not cover flood damage. So we are dependent on each of you to dig a little deeper in financially supporting our nursery operation. We will also need man power to help with the many projects that will need to be completed to bring the nursery back to 100% again.

On a positive note, 350 holdovers were stocked in the main branch of Muddy Creek. 8000 fingerlings are in the raceway and doing well. So this coming spring, we should have some nice brown trout again to stock in Muddy Creek. None of this would be possible if it were not for a dedicated group of men and women like you that stands with and by us when the going gets tough! Thank you for your support!!



Winter Meeting Locations

Our Winter Meetings Beginning in January 2019 will be held at the Meadows Frozen Custard in Dallastown.

On December 5th MCTU will host a Holiday get together at the Mignano's Pizza in Felton. Join us from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM for supper and conversation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

MCTU Chapter Sponsors

The Meadows Frozen Custard

We would like to thank the Meadows Frozen Custard in Dallastown for hosting our winter meetings. We were able to have several speakers and presentations.

The location worked out well for us and we were able to enjoy some reasonable discounts on Meals and Frozen Custard Discounts.

Find us on **Facebook** at:

The Meadows Frozen Custard of Dallastown.

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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM UPDATE

By Dan Dellinger

Two years ago MCTU decided to invest more support toward the TIC Program in the future. Since I joined as a member in January of 2017 the chapter has added a total of 5 more TIC programs to bring the chapter total of 6 TIC Programs helping to bring the life cycle of the brook trout to 3 districts, 5 schools, 6 classrooms, and approximately 500 students. It is difficult to put into perspective how much of an impact the TIC Program and the efforts of MCTU have made simply using numbers. The students that get to experience this program from start to finish gain an understanding of brook trout development, the habitat needs of brook trout, and the importance of coldwater conservancy.

The youth outreach with Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited does not end with a simple financial contribution to kickstart a tank, but continued support through the help and expertise of Fred Wilt and Fred Hess. These gentlemen and many others in the chapter also come together in April to help plan, coordinate, and execute a well organized Trout Release Day. At this event MCTU members in collaboration with the Conservation Society of York County help students with a riparian buffer planting, a macroinvertebrate study, and their trout release. In addition, students get help with casting fly rods with Kevin Saylor and learn about the chapter's incubators on Spencer Run. The positive impact of this experience with students is immeasurable and would not be possible without your support and the dedication of the members of this chapter!

Part of the reason we were able to support so many programs this year is due to a recurring personal and matching donation dedicated to this program from member Brent Aurand and the Microsoft Corporation. Thank you for your continued generous support. The TIC Programs per class cost upwards of \$1000 at start up and around \$500 each year after for supplies.

If interested in helping with the April Trout Release Day please contact Dan Dellinger at: dan.dellinger10@gmail.com

A Letter of Thanks from One of our Sponsored TIC Partners.

Hello Everybody,

I know we have not met face to face (yet) but I wanted to send you a big thank you for all you have done for my class and our adventure to raising trout. You donated our chiller, which was half of the budget. This was a huge relief as I began this endeavor with only my own money.

When Dan sent me an email saying that you (MCTU) were willing to support me, a huge weight was lifted and I became more confident in my ability to look for support.

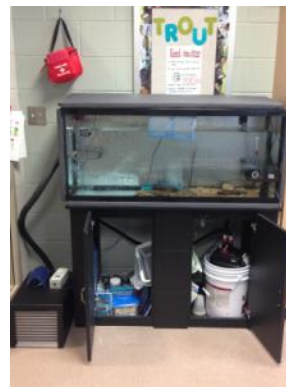
My fourth graders have been excited and are looking forward to the eggs doing something a little more interesting. :-)

We are attempting to blog about our trout and hopefully encourage others to take on such projects. When you find the time, please visit the blog and continue to check back from time to time.

<https://lankfordc.wixsite.com/website>

Thank you again for your generosity. It is so wonderful that you understand and promote environmental stewardship in the classroom.

Carrie Lankford
Mazie Gable Elementary
Red Lion Area School District.





Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited Merchandise

We have ordered additional Jade t-shirts as these flew out of the box before some had a chance to buy; we have also ordered dark blue t-shirts with the same design. These new colors are \$12 or \$20 if shipping is required. We still have a few gray short sleeve and tan long sleeve shirts available in smalls. We have reduced the pricing to \$10 for both shirt styles. We also have some 25th Anniversary hats left; these remain at \$15 per hat. Our travel mugs remain available at \$10/mug.

Also don't forget about the wooly bugger earrings shown on our President on page one of this newsletter for \$10/pair. They would make a great holiday gift along with the other items mentioned above.

Please contact Maurice at 717-747-5613 or muddycreektu@comcast.net



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Winter/Spring Volunteer Opportunities

This Winter will be a busy time for MCTU. So busy we decided to forgo the November and December meetings to allow time for family before we begin getting ready for Spring. Look for several volunteer opportunities to allow members to participate with the chapter.

- November 21st - MCTU will be once again planting over 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs in the incubators within the watershed. We can use help with this effort. If you would like to lend a few hours service Wednesday am or perhaps during the following weeks checking on the fry, contact Fred Hess at 717-818-9026
- Winter Nursery clean up and repairs will be necessary to get our nursery back to the previous condition before the flooding. Contact Fred Wilt 717-309-8098 or email us at muddycreektu@comcast.net if you would like to lend a hand.
- Opening Day Food Stands. We look forward to manning opening day Food Stands at three locations this year. Much help is needed to make these efforts successful Contact Bob Shaffer 717-668-1490 or email us at muddycreektu@comcast.net if you would like to help.

2018 Collector Patch - Toms Run Handicapped Area

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2018 Patch boasts a capture of the Handicapped Platform on an Gold ring with gold trim. These can be purchased for \$7.00 at Chapter meetings, and on our website.

Visit our web site to see the 2018s Collector Patch and others or to place an order at www.muddycreektu.org.

