

The Flyline



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President's Message

by Randy Buchanan

We have over 400 members, yet it is the same few who help with our projects. Where is everyone?

Randy

Trout are Back in Class

by Melissa Reckner

After a two year hiatus because of the pandemic, Trout in the Classroom (TIC) and its associated Release Day field trip returned to several local schools.

Blacklick Valley High, Conemaugh Township Middle, Divine Mercy Catholic Academy East and West, Forest Hills Middle, and Shade-Central City High are MLTU-supported schools that, in cooperation with the PA Fish and Boat Commission and PA Council of Trout Unlimited, raised rainbow trout fingerlings from eggs in a classroom aquarium before releasing them into a state-approved body of water. Students were responsible for the daily care and maintenance of the aquarium and its residents. Not only did they witness the amazing transformation through which fish go, but they learned the significance of coldwater resources and of the work countless organizations and individuals continue to do to protect and increase the number of coldwater fisheries in the region.

I wish to give a special thanks to MTLU members who helped with our TIC Days, which are fun, memorable field experiences for the students: Rick Buchanan*, Bill Conlin, Adam Cotchen*, Jim Eckenrode, Butch Kerchenske, Len Lichvar, and Brian Madison*. An asterisk indicates the person helped with more than one! I'm also grateful for the willingness of partner organizations to lead some of the Outdoor Discovery Workshops, which space limits me from listing. Further, I want to publicly thank the Greater Ferndale Sportsmen's Club for their kind and generous donation towards TIC in local schools.



A Conemaugh Township student is all smiles with her crayfish find!

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Save the Dates!

- ◆ July 7 — MLTU Meeting @ Richland Municipal Bldg., Board 6:30 PM; Membership 7 PM
- ◆ July 21 — SCRIP Meeting @ The Launch pavilion in Foustwell, 3 PM
- ◆ August 4 — MLTU Meeting @ Richland Municipal Bldg., Board 6:30 PM; Membership 7 PM
- ◆ Sept. 1 — MLTU Meeting @ Richland Municipal Bldg., Board 6:30 PM; Membership 7 PM
- ◆ Sept. 6 — MLTU newsletter submission deadline, 4 PM. Submit materials to Missy.
Newsletter covers October 1 - December 31, 2022.

Penguin Court and the Westmoreland Pollinator Partners are hosting the 2nd annual "Pennsylvania Pollinator Photo Challenge" this summer. The success of the inaugural contest encouraged partners to make this an annual contest, designed to get people to slow down, observe, appreciate, and photograph pollinators in Pennsylvania. Some of those beetles and flies you all tie mimic pollinators! Find their match! There are categories for adults 18 and over and youth 17 or younger. Each person may enter three submissions. Entries are due August 5, and winners will be announced on August 21 in Ligonier. View the details and prizes at www.brandywine.org/photo-contest.

