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**Next meeting is Thursday,
 June 1, 2017**

5:30 p.m. Dinner
 IJ Cann's

7:00 p.m. Meeting
 Room 104 in
 Gregory Hall
 Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA

Next Redbud workday is Saturday, June 3rd.

Next TU BarFly is Wednesday, June 14th.
 See page 7 for BarFly details.



See you at the meeting on Thursday, June 1, 2017
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Trout in the Classroom: Brookie Releases 2017

by Dan Brakensiek, WTU President

photos by Mark Frondorf and Bill Prokopchak

The 2016-17 Trout in the Classroom school year came to a close on May 12 and 13 with the annual Brookie Release Day activities at Redbud Run Urban Wildlife Management Area on Morgan's Mill Road in Frederick County, Virginia.

Rainy weather held off; and, nearly two dozen Trout Unlimited volunteers greeted approximately 170 students and adults during the two release days.

The students released into Redbud Run approximately 700 young Brook Trout that they had raised during the school year.

In October, Winchester Trout Unlimited volunteers delivered Brook Trout eggs to cold-water fish tanks located in 16 schools across Winchester and Frederick County, Virginia and Jefferson County, West Virginia.

The students, assisted by their teachers, raised the fish during the school year.

Trout in the Classroom is a conservation-oriented environmental education program for elementary, middle, and high school students.



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Trout in the Classroom: Brookie Releases 2017 -- continued

As school groups entered the Redbud Run site, they were assigned to "Release Groups".

To maximize student participation, students and adults were assigned to groups of eight or fewer.

Winchester TU "Guides" were part of each group so kids could get to know at least one TU member. This also enabled TU members to engage with kids at a greater depth throughout the day. Each Guide was able to converse with the groups about stream ecology and the history surrounding the Redbud Run Urban Wildlife Management area.



The release process began at one entrance to the release site where we assigned color-coded stickers to members of each group.

Signs located in key spots let all know where they were to meet for each activity.

Guides engaged students in discussions about water quality issues. Field activities entertained and educated the students in fly tying, fly casting, and spin casting using the Fishing-In-Schools spin-casting game, rods, and reels.

Tracy Pitcock from the Clark County Parks and Recreation volunteered her family to help and kept the process running smoothly while acting as Lead Guide at the Assembly Area.

This year's Release Day Process template can be carried forward in the future to aid in planning and execution of future releases.

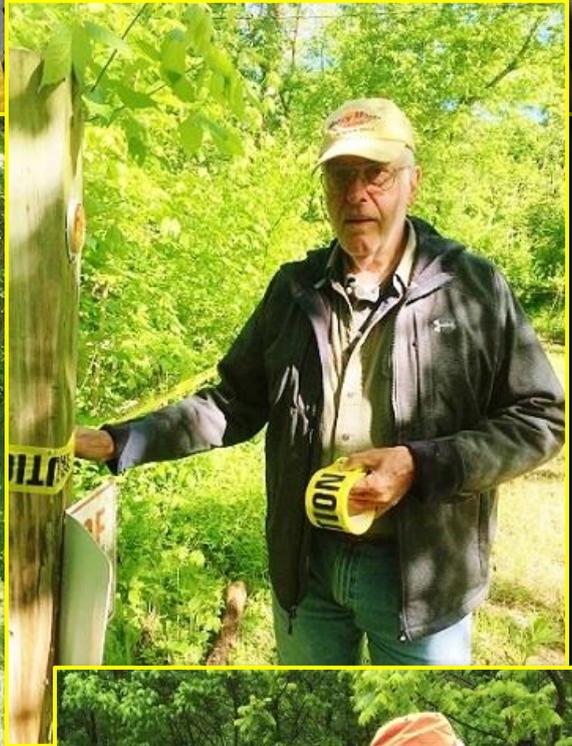


Big smiles are in order as students release their Brookies into Redbud Run, while serious concentration is needed as the students learn the art of fly casting.



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Trout in the Classroom: Brookie Releases 2017 -- continued



Dozens of TIC teachers, parents, and Winchester TU members worked together to make our 2017 Brookie Release days a huge success. Thanks to all of you from all of us at Winchester Trout Unlimited.



Bud on the Run: Update of the May Workday and Plans for the June 3rd Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 3rd
 article and photos by Bud Nagelvoort

After much delay due to weather and TIC, on May 20 Robert and Bud managed to complete the final T-post installation and wiring of the two logs installed in April above Dave's V by Terry, Bill, and Bud and boarding the lower log.

More might have been done except the completion process entailing placing ash joints and covering them with rocks at the lower log would have taken more time and effort than the time and manpower available.

In addition, the upper log, while providing an essential bank protection element as located, sits on very rocky strata not lending itself to boarding. Only long, heavy sycamore branches will be placed in the shallow stretch between this log and the bank and covered with rock. So, I've defined what is in store for the work session on June 3.

However, some additional factoids for your erudition.

As most of you know, Terry and Bud have been dropping emerald-ash-borer-killed ash trees at Bud's property this past winter and spring. With the benefit of a new mobile band saw lent by George Ohrstrom with his two-man operating crew, and Terry's skill, five big, straight 6' to 12 1/2' logs have been cut into about 800 feet of 1"x6" boards originally intended for stream usage. The original intent has possibly been modified.



As those of us who have been working at Seipel's have been aware, Wayne's electric cattle exclusion fence has been failing (since Drew shockingly found it working back in 2015). Before unloading several hundred board feet of 1"x6"x12' boards at our work area at Seipel's in mid-May on a 90 degree day, I needed to encourage Wayne's cattle herd to exit the stream there which they did with obvious bank damage.

The bottom line is that Wayne and I have now discussed the possibility of installing ash board fencing along several stretches of stream bank where his cattle have been entering the stream, utilizing some of our huge surplus of ash boards, and treated posts which he has.

This would be along the stretch between the bridge and his hardened crossing where they have been watering since the failure of his SL-6 livestock exclusion off-stream watering system project installed in 2002 with a 10 year life. Also involved may be water gates above and below the crossing.



While the ash boards are free, there would be an expense in sealing them since they would not last long untreated.

It is my intension to discuss with the LFSWCD the possibility of any Cost-share for any of this work and at the same time delve into the possibility of installing a complete CREP project at Wayne's property which would require a 35' buffer with tree plantings, perhaps along the entire length of the stream along the north side.

It might include re-establishing Wayne's old off-stream watering system. In the past, rental payments related to a CREP buffer area have even off-set other costs to the property owner. Much to consider here. Stay tuned.

In any event, the work session on June 3rd at 9:00 a.m.-noon will involve dropping the ash knots into place along the downstream log and covering them with rock. We'll also cut and drag several big sycamore branches from the fallen tree just west of the drainage draw upstream from our work site and install at the upper log and hold in place with rock.

Please advise by June 2nd evening if you will be able to exercise with us on the 3rd.



Casting for Recovery Retreat at Graves Mountain Lodge in Syria, Virginia

article and photos
courtesy of Drew Patterson



The Winchester TU Chapter supported another Casting for Recovery Mid Atlantic Retreat on Sunday, May 22nd when "River Helpers" (guides) Phil Stevens and Drew Patterson assisted breast cancer survivors as they learned about fly fishing. Casting for Recovery has been recognized for its therapeutic benefits to cancer patients for more than 10 years.



Graves Mountain Lodge hosted another great 3-day retreat for fourteen women coming from all parts of Virginia.

The retreat weekends include training on fly casting, fly tying, entomology and stream habitat preservation over the first two days.

On Sunday, a full day of guided fly fishing in private ponds at Graves Mountain Lodge and the Rose River capped of the weekend for all participants.

Every woman caught one or more fish, including bass, sunfish, and rainbow trout as large as 3+lbs.



This was the first of two Mid Atlantic Retreats scheduled for 2017.

The next retreat will be held at Shepard's Spring in Sharpsburg, MD, on September 22nd - 24th. Those interested in participating in the fall retreat may contact Casting for Recovery at <https://castingforrecovery.org/breast-cancer-retreats/mid-atlantic/>, the application deadline is July 14th.



Winchester TU 2017 Speaker Schedule

Mark your calendar now, and plan to hear all of these presentations.

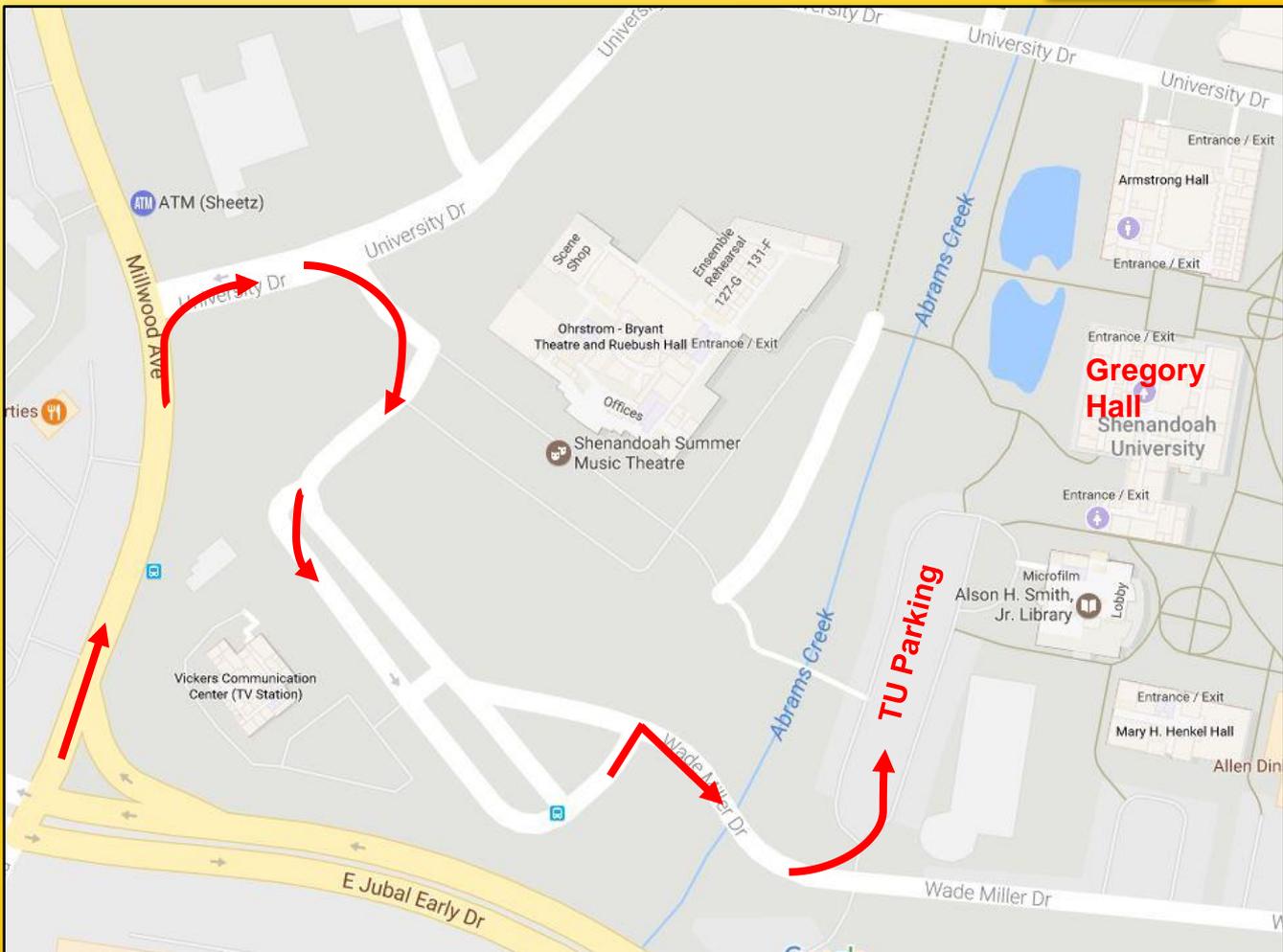
June 1st: Friends of the Shenandoah River

President of the Friends of the Shenandoah River, Terry Lay, will be on board to tell us about the work FOSR does to protect this most important river and its tributaries. Karen Andersen, FOSR Laboratory Director, will give all of us a tour of the FOSR lab at Shenandoah University.



5:30 p.m. Dinner at IJ Cann's in Winchester

7:00 p.m. Meeting featuring Friends of the Shenandoah River
Room 104 in Gregory Hall
Shenandoah University, Winchester, VA



August 3rd: Native Leaves and Mayflies



Bobby Whitescarver is a Watershed Restoration Scientist, farmer, award-winning writer, and educator. He is president of Whitescarver Natural Resources Management LLC, an environmental consulting firm, and is currently under contract with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



September 7th: Muskie Fishing

Colby Trow, co-owner of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing, will be with us again. This time he will talk about the elusive Muskie and how to catch one in our area.

October 5th: Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Robert Jennings is a Grassroots and Field Specialist for the Foundation. He recruits, engages, and motivates new people located within Virginia's 5th Congressional District to take action to further CBF's program goals.



Please note that our October meeting will be at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, VA, with the local chapter of the Audubon Society.



Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, June 14th at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

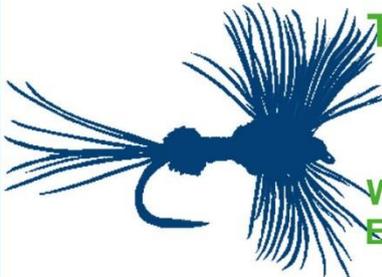
The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers and **non-anglers** in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout Unlimited and to tie some fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly "BarFly" at Escutcheon Brewery.

The brewery and tasting room are located at
**142 W. Commercial St.
Winchester, VA**



Charlie teaches Mary Ellen how to tie a bucktail streamer at a Winchester TU BarFly event.



Winchester Trout Unlimited

BarFly
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 14
Escutcheon Brewery
Commercial Street
Winchester, VA

No fly-tying or fly-fishing experience is necessary.

Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU.

Escutcheon logo courtesy of Escutcheon Brewing Co.
Photos and BarFly Logo by Bill Prokopchak




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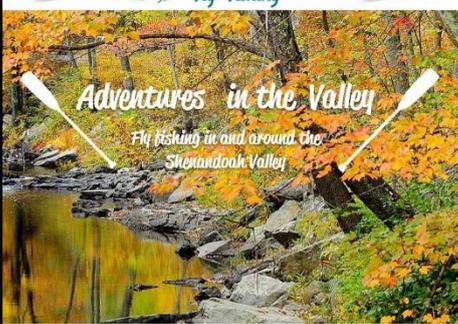
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The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

Cold Hearted River: a Sean Stranahan Mystery

Author: Keith McCafferty
Series: Sean Stranahan Mysteries
Hardcover: 320 pages
ISBN-10: 0525429603
ISBN-13: 978-0525429609
Publisher: Viking
Publication Date: July 4, 2017

This is the sixth novel in the acclaimed Sean Stranahan mystery series -- featuring Montana's favorite private detective.

A story of lost treasure, *Cold Hearted River* begins with the death of a woman, stranded in a spring snowstorm, who in desperation climbs into a bear's den.

When Sheriff Martha Ettinger, reunited with once-again lover Sean Stranahan, investigates, she finds a fly wallet in a pannier of the dead woman's horse, the leather engraved with the initials EH.

Only a few days before, Patrick Willoughby, the president of the Madison River Liars and Fly Tiers Club, had been approached by a man selling fishing gear that he claims once belonged to Ernest Hemingway.

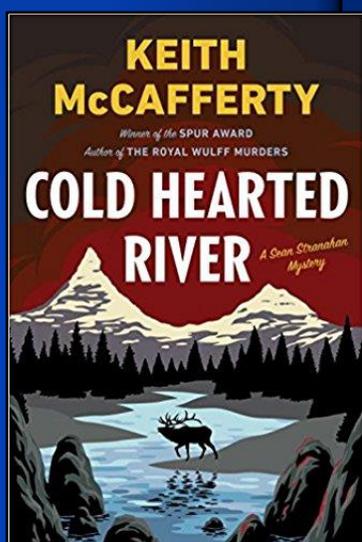
A coincidence? Sean doesn't think so, and he soon finds himself on the trail of a missing steamer trunk rumored to contain not only the famous writer's valuable fly fishing gear, but also priceless samples of his unpublished work.

Praise for Keith McCafferty's Sean Stranahan mystery series

"McCafferty's wryly bantering characters are irresistible, his humor tangy, and his lyricism potent as he matches escalating action with intriguing disquisition...A sharply ironic and suspenseful tale surreptitiously veined with profound insights into love, friendship, cultural collisions, and dire conflicts over wildlife and land, the sacred and the profitable." --*Booklist* (starred)

Keith McCafferty is the survival and outdoor skills editor of *Field & Stream* and the author of the Sean Stranahan mystery series, which includes *The Royal Wulff Murders*, *The Gray Ghost Murders*, *Dead Man's Fancy*, *Crazy Mountain Kiss*, which won the 2016 Spur Award for Best Western Contemporary Novel, and *Buffalo Jump Blues*. Winner of the Traver Award for angling literature, he is a two-time National Magazine Awards finalist. He lives with his wife in Bozeman, Montana.

Sources: Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and the publisher



The Orvis Guide to Hatch Strategies: Successful Fly Fishing for Trout Without Always Matching the Hatch

Author: Tom Rosenbauer
Foreword: Tom Bie
Hardcover: 232 pages
ISBN-10: 0789329239
ISBN-13: 978-0789329233
Publisher: Universe
Publication Date: May 30, 2017

The definitive and comprehensive guide to strategies for fishing insect hatches on trout streams throughout the world.

One of the most studied yet intimidating aspects of fly fishing for trout is an understanding of insect hatches. This unique book teaches fly fishers enough entomology to be successful, and instead of focusing on insect identification, it stresses learning how to approach trout, how to find where they feed, and how to present the fly so it is accepted as natural food without hesitation.

It helps fly fishers catch more fish on dry flies, streamers, and nymphs, and teaches the angler more about trout than the life history of insects.

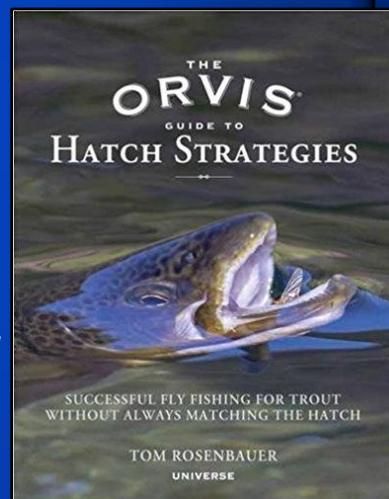
Chapters include a basic overview of entomology, how trout feed, how currents affect trout, how to read the water, and how to predict hatches and find trout feeding on them.

There is also a selection of flies that will imitate a myriad of insects to fool fish no matter what species they are feeding on. In addition, *The Orvis Guide to Hatch Strategies* debunks common myths and stresses that fly fishing for trout during hatches is enjoyable and intellectually stimulating -- not a chore.

Tom Rosenbauer has been a lifelong fly fisher and is the author of more than a dozen books on fly fishing and fly tying, including *The Orvis Fly-Fishing Guide*.

Tom Bie is the founder, publisher, and editor-in-chief of *The Drake*, a leading fly-fishing magazine.

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any Winchester TU event.

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No steel cans.
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cans only.





Tech on the Water: Fly Guide

The Yorchak Group has produced a dandy little -- and free -- fly tying app that is simple, easy to use, and doesn't attempt to sell you a bunch of add ons.

What's more, there is only one advertising page, and you need to work a bit to find it. INTHERIFFLE.COM is an on-line fly fishing shop that provided the photos and videos for this app.

When I say simple, I mean simple. This app does only what it claims to do. It has 57 fly-tying videos covering some of the most common flies in an angler's arsenal.

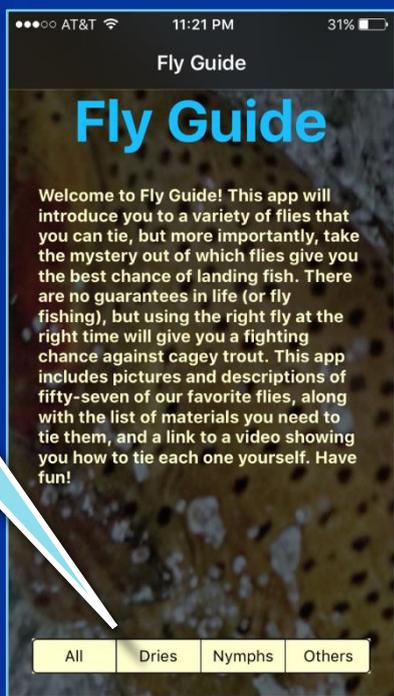
For each fly, the app also provides a list of materials.

The app was updated recently and works flawlessly on the iPhone. It is free and available from the App Store.

Bill Prokopchak

The Fly Guide app home page lists categories of fishing flies.

A touch of your finger takes you to your choice of pages.



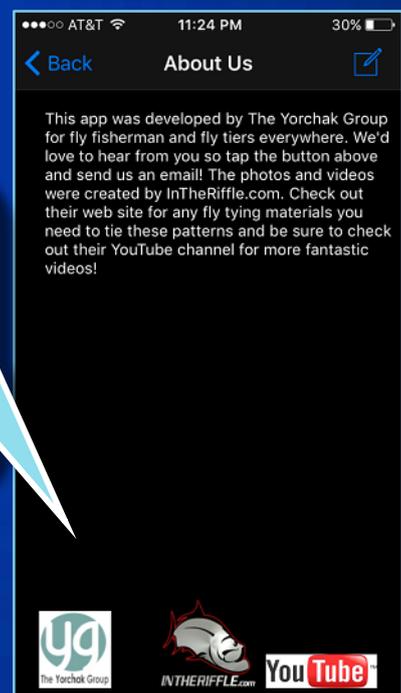
If you select "Dries", for example, the app takes you to a page that allows you to scroll through about a dozen popular fly patterns.

By touching one of the fly icons, the Fly Guide takes you to a brief description of the fly and a narrated instructional video to help you tie the fly yourself.

A touch here brings up a list of materials you will need to tie this fly.

For example, here's the materials list for the Adams dry fly.

My biggest irritant with apps is the overload of advertising. This app is NOT one of those. The single page of advertising is discreet and features the app producer's web page; In The Riffle, which sells fishing stuff and produced the videos; and a link to You Tube to enable viewing of fly-tying videos on a larger computer screen.



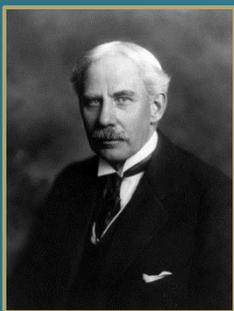
The videos are professionally presented and quite easy to follow, even for the novice fly tyer.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler Series created by Bud Nagelvoort

Eben Holden's Last Day A-Fishing (Part 3 of 3)

By Irving Bacheller
1859-1950
New York



We began our walk up one of the cowpaths.
"One more look," said he, facing about,
and gazing up and down the familiar valley.

"We've had a lot o' fun here --
'bout as much as we're entitled to, I guess --
let 'em have it."

So, in a way, he deeded Tinkle Brook
and its valley to future generations.

We proceeded in silence for a moment,
and soon he added:

"That little brook has done a lot fer us.
It took our thoughts off the hard work,
and helped us fergit the mortgage,
an' taught us to laugh like the rapid water.

It never owed us anything
after the day Mose Tupper lost his pole.

Put it all together,
I guess I've laughed a year over that.
'Bout the best payin' job we ever done.

Mose thought he had a whale,
an' I don't blame him.

Fact is, a lost fish is an awful liar.
A trout would deceive the devil
when he's way down out o' sight in the water,
an' his weight is telegraphed through
twenty feet o' line.

When ye fetch him up an'
look him square in the eye
he tells a different story.
I blame the fish more'n I do the folks.

"That 'swallered pole'
was a kind of a magic wand
round here in Faraway.

Ye could allwus fetch a laugh with it.
Sometimes I think they must 'a' lost one
commandment,
an' that is: Be happy.

Ye can't be happy an' be bad."
...Uncle Eb shook with laughter.

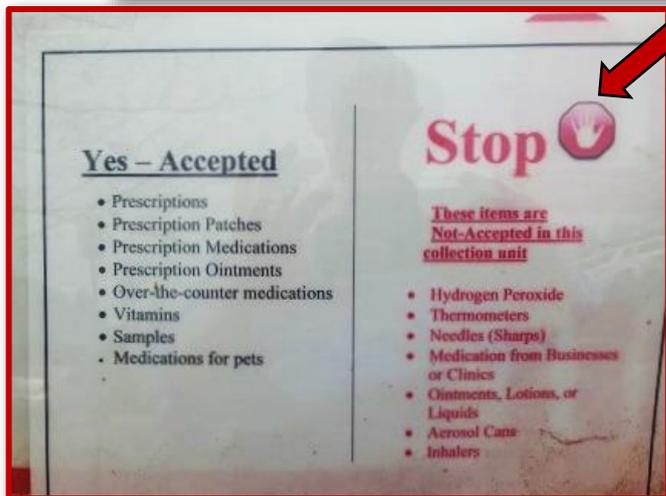


Proper Disposal of Medications

All of us have the obligation, as proper stewards of the earth and its waters, to dispose of our medications in a manner that will insure the medical waste does not cause pollution. **DO NOT FLUSH YOUR MEDS DOWN THE TOILET !**

It's doubly important that unused medications do not fall into the hands -- and bodies -- of those for whom it might be dangerous or addictive.

The City of Winchester has a medication disposal box located at the
Winchester Police Department
Timbrook Public Safety Building
231 E. Piccadilly Street
Winchester, VA



2017 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See the complete calendar
of Winchester TU events at
<http://winchestertu.org/>

June 2017

- ✓ Thursday 1 June 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker - Friends of the Shenandoah River at Room 104 Gregory Hall, Shenandoah University
- ✓ Saturday 3 June 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 14 June 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

July 2017

- ✓ No Winchester TU meeting in July
- ✓ No BarFly in July
- ✓ Saturday 8 July 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road

August 2017

- ✓ Thursday 3 August 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured presentation by Bobby Whitescarver, farmer, conservationist, educator, and award-winning writer who has decades of experience in watershed and wildlife habitat restoration. His topic: "Native Leaves and Mayflies"
- ✓ Saturday 5 August 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 9 August 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

September 2017

- ✓ Thursday 7 September 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker: Colby Trow on Muskie Fishing
- ✓ Saturday 9 September 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 13 September 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

October 2017

- ✓ Thursday 5 October 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting at Lord Fairfax Community College -- Robert Jennings of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation is the featured speaker
WTU Chapter elections
- ✓ Saturday 7 October 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 11 October 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

November 2017

- ✓ Thursday 2 November 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 November 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 8 November 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

December 2017

- ✓ Thursday 7 December 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 9 December 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 13 December 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

January 2018

- ✓ Thursday 4 January 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 January 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 10 January 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



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All water sports, including fishing, and stream restoration activities have inherent dangers. Participation in all Winchester Trout Unlimited activities is at the participant's own risk and participants agree to hold harmless Winchester Trout Unlimited and its members. A responsible adult must accompany all minors.

