



MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

A thank you to everyone who attended & helped with the Taos outing. It was a nice evening.

At the outing, I mentioned a little bit about an event my work did, but I wanted to share it here. Like I've mentioned before, I work the Missouri Department of Natural Resources here in Jeff City. For the past couple of years they've done a Bring A Child to Work Day and it's been a big success with events, booths, & food trucks. The kids get to enjoy outdoor themed activities and spend time with their parent/guardian. Previously, I've helped with booths like archery, but this year I suggested the idea of fly tying & fishing booth. Michael Dean & John Goad volunteered to help me with my booth and the kids & employees that came by had a good time. Michael & I tied safety pin flies and told them about different patterns. John showed them fly rods, some of his awards, and spoke about the fishing opportunities Conservation & Missouri offers. A big thank you to both of them.

This past weekend, I traveled 30 minutes down the road from my house to South Lake in Monroe City. I've seen it before, but never fished it. It was beautiful weather, bass slapping the top of the water, but for some reason, I didn't catch anything. I'll definitely be going back. According to fishing reports it's a good location for bluegill, catfish, and largemouth bass. I'll keep you all updated on future visits.

God Bless,
Justin



Bring A Child To Work Day Photos



RECAP OF JUNE EVENTS

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who helped at one of our June events.

The June fish fry and potluck was another great outing. Thank you for all the incredible food. Thank you to Phil Curtin, Mike and Matt Dean for getting to the park early to setup and prep. Thank you to JoAnne Pironis and Phil Wisch helped with cooking.



Right: Dennis was busy catching several fish at Countryside Park

Left: Bobby and son Noah enjoy some fishing time. Noah caught a nice catfish!



We had a tremendous volunteer response for the Kids Fishing Derby! With cancellations, the original list of 15 volunteers had dropped to 10. With a strong answer to my plea for help, we ended up with 19 or 20. Thank you all!!!!

JC Parks, the Elks, and all the other sponsors put together a fantastic event. 80-90 kids participated in the fishing and casting contests. If they had the right bait/lure and found the right location, fish were caught. Enjoy the photos.



I was told that the veterans appreciation lunch went over well. After a few updates, the lunch was held at the Knights of Columbus hall and then once finished the group headed over to Jaycee Park to fish. There were several veterans new to fly fishing and with some great instructors they managed to catch some fish. Thanks to all those able to volunteer their time to make the event happen.

PIZZA OUTING

Tuesday, July 14, will be our last outing of the season. This is the pizza outing and no sign up list will be needed. A head count will be taken at 6 pm to order the pizzas. If you plan to attend but are running late, please let Justin Beyer or Greg Curtin know. It is not required, but feel free to bring a dessert or side, I'm sure people would help eat them. We will be meeting in the upper pavilion at Jaycee Park (County Park) off of County Park Road near the park. See you there!!

CFM PULL FOR CONSERVATION

The 20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic will be Saturday, August 8, 2026. CCFF has sent at least 6 workers to the event over the last couple of years. That has earned the club a \$250 donation each year. We would like to do this again this year, so look and see if you are available in August to help out. We need a minimum of 6 people to earn the reward.

Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports
1420 County Rd 276
Columbia, MO 65202

We generally leave around 6am to be there by 7am to find out what we will be doing. We could use your help. We will have a sign up sheet at the July Outing or Contact Justin Beyer.



The poster for the 20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic features the CFM logo with a pull for conservation slogan and the Conservation Federation of Missouri logo. It details the event on Saturday, August 8, 2026, at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports. The poster lists shooting options: Two Shooter Scramble (75 targets, \$70/team) and Individual Sporting Clays (50 targets, \$40/shooter). It includes a schedule of events from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a Pheasant Chukar 5-stand shoot highlighted in a starburst. A QR code for registration is provided, along with a list of prizes and a list of participating electric cooperatives.

20th Annual Conservation Federation Sporting Clays Classic
Saturday, August 8, 2026
Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, 1420 County Rd 276, Columbia, MO 65202

Shoot as a Team or Individual
Two Shooter Scramble- 75 targets, \$70/team
Individual Sporting Clays- 50 targets, \$40/shooter

Schedule of Events
Registration: 7:30 a.m. - Noon
Shooting: 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Awards: 2:00 p.m.

Fun Games run from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
4 Rounds of the Meat Shoot
9 am * 10 am * 11 am * 12 pm

PHEASANT CHUKAR 5-STAND SHOOT

Prizes for Two Shooter Scramble & Individual Sporting Clays using the Lewis Class System

- Pre-registration is encouraged, but signing up on the day of the event is acceptable.
- Visit www.confedmo.org or call 573-634-2322 to register or for more information.
- Challenge shooting games will be held during the event!
- Food will be available on site and drinks will be provided.

Presented by:
Missouri's Electric Cooperatives

Central Electric Power Cooperative's members are Boone Electric Cooperative, Consolidated Electric Cooperative, Callaway Electric, Cubre River Cooperative, Central Missouri Electric Cooperative, Howard Electric Cooperative, Co-Mo Electric Cooperative, and Three Rivers Electric Cooperative.

BENNETT SPRING CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Missouri Department of Conservation is pleased to announce that construction is set to resume on the Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery Renovation project. The Department is working directly with Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company on the completion of the project. Philadelphia has selected Crossland Construction to lead the completion work. The Department has issued its notice to proceed to Philadelphia but anticipates it may take a few weeks for Crossland and other subcontractors to fully mobilize. We appreciate the public's support and patience as we work to complete this important hatchery renovation project for Missourians.

Questions & Answers

What is the timeline on the construction and when will it be done?

The work will take up to 18 months with construction expected to be completed by December 2027.

Questions & Answers

Who is Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company and why are they involved?

Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company is the surety that issued the payment and performance Bond for the Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery Renovation project. Philadelphia has agreed to correct and complete Cahills Construction's work on the project.

If Philadelphia is in an agreement with MDC to correct and complete Cahills' work, how is Crossland Construction involved?

Philadelphia selected Crossland Construction to serve as the completion contractor.

Does MDC anticipate that Crossland Construction's charges to Philadelphia will exceed the remaining unpaid contract amount?

Yes, but Philadelphia has agreed to pay Crossland Construction for the excess completion costs, provided the entire unpaid contract balance is paid by MDC.

STREAM TEAM UPDATE

Water Quality Monitoring Training:

Level 1 videos https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMlfy_cD4DoQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy

In addition to hands on here we can help protect streams other places. Trout need cold clean water and snow pack is so low in the Rockies, there probably will not be a TU trip to Colorado.

HOT CREEK, CALIFORNIA

This geologically rich area creates a technical fishery with big browns, so anglers are standing up to protect it from gold mine exploration. Read

more: [https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/places-worth-protecting/places-worth-protecting-hot-creek-california/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/places-worth-protecting/places-worth-protecting-hot-creek-california/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=Mlp25)

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WORTH DEFENDING

Idaho's 32 million acres of public lands are a cornerstone of its identity, and this legislative session saw efforts to keep those lands in public hands. [https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/public-](https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/public-lands/public-lands-are-worth-defending-and-thats-just-what-idaho-did/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&_zs=hW5wb&_zl=gd605)

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Restoration

EXTENSIVE WORK

In northern Idaho, communities and fish benefit from reconnected habitat, cleaner water and healthier

forests. <https://troutunlimited.informz.net/z/cjUucD9taT00Njk1MjMwJnA9MSZ1PTQwNzAyMjM0OSZsaT01NjkwMDkxOA/index.html>

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

AMENDMENT 1 VOTE TO TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 4TH



Only 35 days left until the August 4 election, Missourians are left to decide on the continuation of the State Parks, Soil & Water Sales Tax. Many ask what the Missouri outdoors would be without this support. " It would be a serious challenge, obviously. Not only in this fiscal year, or the next. In any fiscal year it would be a challenge," said Laura Hendrickson, State Parks Director, to the Missouri Independent.

Take action today by visiting www.preservemo.com to learn about the history of this vital conservation funding, the impact it has had on Missouri's natural resources, and ways you can help support the campaign.

Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers 28TH ANNUAL **THE TRI-LAKES FLY FISHING EXPO**

Two Days. One Passion. EVERYTHING FLY FISHING!

- 50+ EXPERT FLY TYERS
- VENDORS GALORE
- CASTING LESSONS WITH FFI CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR JIM ROGERS
- GREAT SPEAKERS & SEMINARS
- SILENT AUCTIONS & RAFFLES
- KID'S TYING TABLE

FEATURED SPEAKERS & TYERS

- NATHAN (NATE) BETTENCOURT** - Gar on the Fly, TLFF President
- RYAN WALKER** - Owner/Guide, Clark Smallmouth FlyCo, Seasons of the Smallmouth Streamer Tactics for Smallmouth
- JOHN VAN VLIET** - Angler, Author & Filmmaker, Fly Fishing the Black Hills in South Dakota
- TERRY TANNER** - Featured Tyer
- DAVE BOYER** - Featured Tyer

SEPT. 11 & 12, 2026
 FRIDAY 9AM - 4PM • SATURDAY 9AM - 4PM
BENSON CENTER CLINTON, MISSOURI
FREE ADMISSION!
 HOME COOKED BREAKFAST & LUNCH SERVED DAILY
 TRILAKESFLYFISHERS.COM

READING'S FLY SHOP Presents **NIANGUA OUTDOOR DAYS**

HOSTED By Hidden Valley Outfitters
 October 2nd and 3rd

JOIN READING'S FLY SHOP AT HIDDEN VALLEY OUTFITTERS FOR A WEEKEND OUTDOORS WITH HUGE SALES, VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS, A ONE-FLY TOURNAMENT, PRODUCT DEMOS, GIVEAWAYS, RAFFLES, GAMES, AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY - NOON TO 7PM
 4PM TO 7PM - Cappy Hour SPONSORED BY GRUNDENS - Pick a HAT and customize with a PATCH of your choice!

SATURDAY 8AM TO 10PM
 JOIN US ON THE RIVER at NOON!
 Bring your CAMPING CHAIRS and LOVED ONES for some SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS with CHARLIE READING and OTHER Fishing EXPERTS from the area.
 Keep the kids entertained with GAMES BY THE RIVER!

8 AM TO 9 AM - ONE FLY REGISTRATION
 DIVISION 1 - UP TO 13 YEARS
 DIVISION 2 - 14 YEARS AND UP
 9 AM - One-Fly Begins
 10:30 AM - ANNOUNCE WINNERS/GIVE OUT PRIZES

3 PM - KAYAK RACE For Kids
 5 PM - GIVEAWAYS AND RAFFLE WINNERS - MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN
 7 PM - MOVIE BEGINS

BOOK YOUR STAY AND MAKE IT A FULL WEEKEND!
 CAMPSITES | RV SITES | CABIN RENTALS AVAILABLE AT HIDDEN VALLEY OUTFITTERS
 FOR EVERY NIGHTS STAY, YOU WILL RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR SATURDAY'S DRAWING

(417) 533-5628 HVOUTFITTERS.COM

COME FOR THE SALES, STAY FOR THE STORIES, LEAVE WITH THE PRIZE

White River Fly Fishers 2026 Expo

July 24-25, 2026

9am to 4pm daily

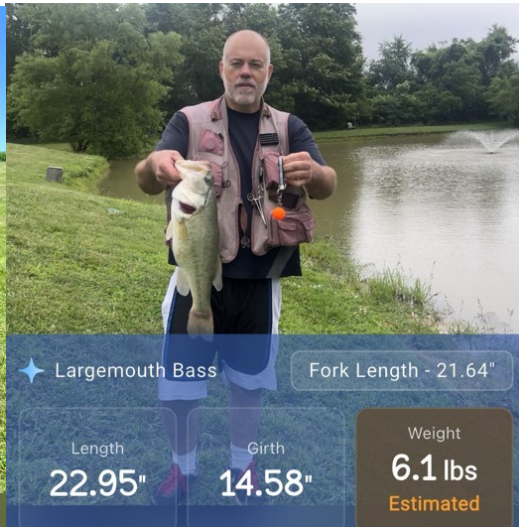
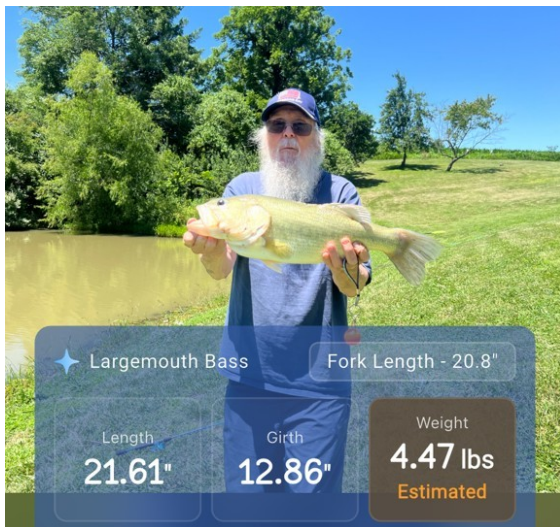
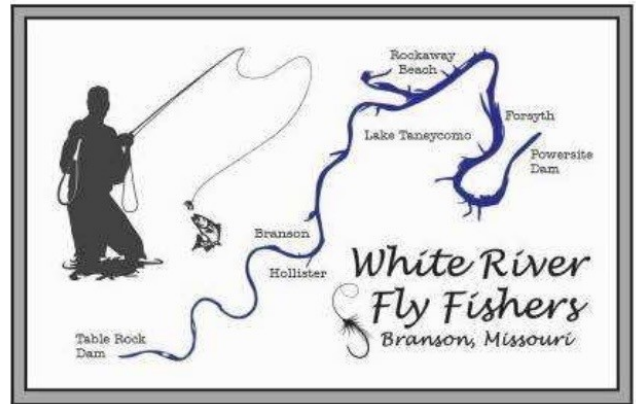
Branson-Hollister Lions Club

1015 East Hwy 76

Branson, MO 65616

Free Admission

Fly Tying Demonstrations
 Vendors, Food Available
 Auctions, Raffles



Phil and Greg Curtin during a family getaway near Grafton, IL. It was sure great to have access to a farm pond.

WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY AT BENNETT SPRING

As we get closer to Women's Free Fishing Day at Bennett Spring, please keep your calendar open for the date of September 26, 2026. We will be looking for Volunteers to help at the event. There will be several areas you can help. We will need people to tie flies, hand out flies boxes, help at the giveaway table, help attendees in and out of the water, and any other general needs. It would be nice to have around 12-15 people. We will have a sign up sheet starting at the pizza outing to get an idea of count.

CLUB BANQUET – MARCH 6, 2027

The club's fundraising banquet draws closer and is now about 8 months away. We **still need two more volunteers to join the banquet committee** and the longer this takes the harder it is going to be to get everything accomplished on time. The majority of our fundraising is obtained from this banquet every other year, we need it to be a success.

There are different ways to help with the banquet:

- 1) Join the committee to plan and organize the event. 5 committee members total
- 2) Donate to the banquet. Fishing and Non-fishing items accepted
- 3) Sell tickets. Open to the public and we need people there that are open to spending money
- 4) Help at the event. There will be several things to do during the banquet.

If you can't be on the committee, please be ready to help sell tickets and collect donations. Our success is achieved by everyone being part of things.

CLUB TRIP

I have been asked a couple of times over the last month, if the club does any fishing trips as a group. In years past, I know that we went down to the white river around mountain home, AK for a weekend in October. We found lodging and guides to accommodate everyone and bought food to have meals. You were required to cover your own expenses, but we were all together.

If you are interested in doing a trip in the future please let me know. I would love to get your recommendations on where to go and when to go. It could be Arkansas again or Taneycomo or even the driftless area. Maybe an overnight trip to one of the trout parks or a trout farms like Westover Farms or Rockbridge. How about some bass fishing somewhere? Send any suggestions that would encourage you to sign up!!!

KIDS TROUT FISHING DAY

This event was set for November 14, but there may be a change. With the firearms deer hunting season beginning on the same day, we are looking at moving up the date to November 7. We will know before the next newsletter and will keep you informed. Let's hope the weather and water temperature are kind to us this year.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- July 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 7 – Informal Gathering
- July 14 – July Outing – Pizza at Jaycee Park (County Park)
- July 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- July 21 – Informal Gathering
- July 24-25 – White River Fly Fishers 2026 Expo
- July 28 – Informal Gathering

August

- August 4 – Informal Gathering
- August 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 8 – CFM Pull for Conservation
- August 11 – Monthly Members Meeting
- August 18 – Informal Gathering
- August 20 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- August 25 – Informal Gathering

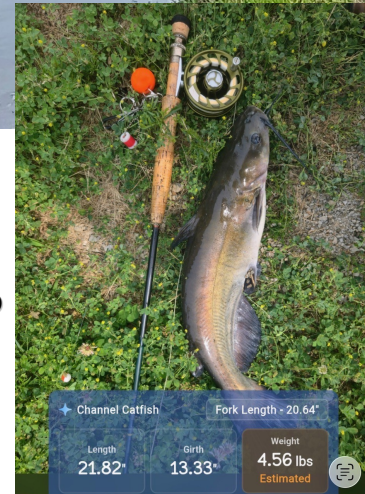
September

- September 1 – Informal Gathering
- September 3 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 8 – Monthly Members Meeting
- September 12 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- September 11-12 – Tri Lakes Fly Fishers 2026 Expo – Clinton, MO
- September 15 – Informal Gathering
- September 17 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 19-20 - MTFA Tournament – Montauk State Park
- September 19 – CFM
- September 22 – Informal Gathering
- September 26 – Women’s Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park
- September 29 – Informal Gathering

October

- October 1 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 2-3 – Niangua Outdoor Days – Hidden Valley Outfitters
- October 3-4 – 63rd Annual Rose Holland Derby – Montauk State Park
- October 6 – Informal Gathering
- October 13 – Monthly Members Meeting
- October 15 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 20 – Informal Gathering
- October 27 – Informal Gathering
- October 31 – Last Day of Catch-and-Keep at the trout parks

Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear by submitting something to the newsletter.



John celebrating 250 with fishing and flags

Volunteers Needed

