



# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

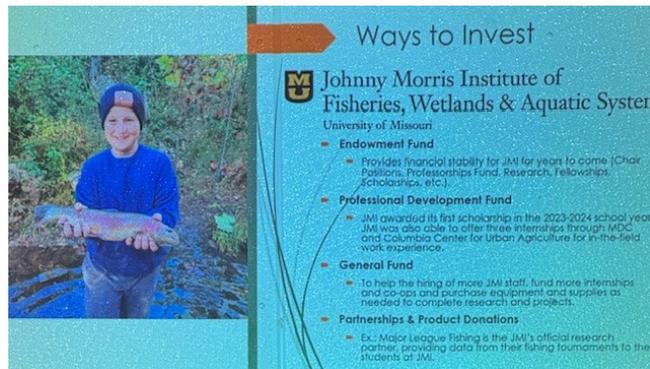
AUGUST 2025

## MESSAGE FROM THE PREZ

Hey Everybody,

I hope everyone is doing well. The weather has been incredible being in the 70's with low's in the 50's & 60's. Sadly, I haven't got out there to fish in it, but I hope some of you have.

I want to thank those who attended our August meeting with guest speaker Tricia Burkhardt (the Executive Director for the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation). She talked about the Johnny Morris Institute of Fisheries, Wetlands, & Aquatic Systems. Several of us talked with her afterwards and it seems like a wonderful program they have for the future of conservation.



A reminder about volunteers for Women's Fishing Day on Saturday, September 27th. We'll set up at 8am, it starts at 9am, and we'll be wrapping up at 2pm or 3pm. So far on the sign up list we have Jim W., Mark J., Raymond B., John G., Phil W., Tom P., Melvin S., John W., Bob L., Greg C., Phil C., Michael D., and myself.

We also need more volunteers for the 2026 Banquet Committee on March 28, 2026. If interested, please let me know.

This is a great organization and I'm thankful to be part of it. All of us are hard working and I know we'll succeed at any event we work towards.

God Bless,  
Justin

**2025 WRFF EXPO**  
70+ FLY TIERS OVER TWO DAYS  
9AM TO 4PM EACH DAY



**White River Fly Fishers**  
**Exposition 2025**

When: October 10-11/2025  
Where: Branson-Hollister Lion's Club  
1015 East Hwy 76, Branson, Missouri 65616  
**It's not too late to sign up to tie flies!!**

## WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

Women's Free Fishing Day is just five weekends away. We have been working behind the scenes to get everything ready for the event. Flies are being tied and gear has been acquired. At the August meeting we sent around a sign-up sheet for volunteers and will do so again in September. We have a decent list of volunteers started, but don't let that stop you from volunteering as well. We will have many activities to help with and everyone can take turns during the day. Don't forget to bring your fishing gear to have some fun!!

Date: September 27, 2025

Time: Set up 8-9 am

Start 9am

End 2-3 pm

Location: Bennett Spring State Park, Lebanon, MO – Zone 2



The Missouri Department of Conservation  
Bennett Spring Fish Hatchery  
Invites you to:

### WOMEN'S FREE FISHING DAY

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

BENNETT SPRING STATE PARK

7:30 AM TO 7:15 PM

#### For Ladies of all ages

Special fishing area reserved for Ladies only.  
Pick up your free tag at the park store on  
September 26th or the day of the event.

#### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES RUN FROM 9AM TO 2PM

LEARN ABOUT:  
MISSOURI CONSERVATION EFFORTS  
A CAREER PATH IN MISSOURI CONSERVATION (MU Program)  
FLY CASTING AND FLY TYING  
SOME OF THE GREAT FISHING CLUBS AROUND THE STATE  
**FREE** FLIES AND FISHING GEAR WILL BE GIVEN AWAY  
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

## KIDS TROUT FISHING DAY

Saturday, November 8 is the date for our 2nd Annual Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park. It will have a similar format as Women's fishing day. The One big difference is how the kids can earn a rod/reel combo. The first 25-30 kids (families) that pick up a grocery bag full of litter from around the park will get a combo kit. Hopefully it can show them the importance of keeping the environment clean and the need to protect our natural resources.

We will need your help for this one!! We hope to draw over 100 participating kids and their families. We will set up around 10am and run the activities from noon to 3 pm. Be ready for more details next month.

## SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

The guest speaker for our September meeting will be Dan Wynn. Dan is the owner of the White Buffalo Fly Shop in Rolla, MO. Dan will share some of his fly fishing and fly tying knowledge and experiences. Check out the website and the stories they have shared and then join us at the September 9 meeting to get a live account!



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## **STREAM TEAM UPDATE**

**We will plan to do our water quality monitoring on October 18, so mark your calendars now. Unless someone has other suggestions we will fish at Bennett after monitoring. We will talk about this during our meeting on the 9th.**

### **Online water quality monitoring:**

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIly\\_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLBQMIly_cD4DQe07cir0nipWVrbQ2npVy)

### **Fishing Tips and Concerns:**

#### **Stand up for clean water and healthy fisheries - Tell Congress to Protect the Roadless Rule:**

<https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vvsrsrc=/campaigns/129227/respond>

### **WILDFIRES BLAZE THROUGHOUT THE WEST**

Carelessness is to blame for this fire in the West...and likely others. Let's work to be better stewards of our lands and waters.

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/the-true-cast/the-true-cast-wildfire/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/the-true-cast/the-true-cast-wildfire/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=m29d4)

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#### **Climate change is showing its teeth:** (from a reinsurance company experiencing higher losses)

At US\$ 320bn, natural disasters produced extremely high losses last year. The scientific community believes that climate change will make many weather-related disasters more frequent and severe.

Hurricanes, storms, floods and wildfires: climate change is affecting natural hazard risks

The last 11 years were the warmest ever. In the record-setting year of 2024, the mean temperature was around 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Climate change is real and is influencing weather-related natural disasters around the world. The risk situation is changing in various ways, depending on the region and the natural hazard in question, for example tropical cyclones, thunderstorms, floods and wildfires.

Climate change is making decisive action imperative if we are to limit global warming in the long term to well below 2°C and, if possible, to 1.5°C compared to pre-industrial global temperature levels. This is also the goal of the international community and was thus enshrined in the Paris Agreement in 2015, under the auspices of the United Nations, in order to limit the negative impacts of climate change. In addition to the immediate physical damage caused by natural disasters, these events also have lasting impacts on agriculture and biodiversity.

### **Advocacy - GOOD NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA:**

On the Eel River, dam removal takes a step forward and an innovative agreement shares water for fish and people.

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/barriers/dam-removal/the-path-forward-for-the-eel-rivers-fish-and-communities/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/barriers/dam-removal/the-path-forward-for-the-eel-rivers-fish-and-communities/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=b9Hc4)

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### **Way Too Much Plastic in Streams:**

1.95 million metric tons of plastic — the weight of 5.3 Empire State buildings — travels down rivers worldwide every year. How does all this trash enter the rivers?

How could the trash be prevented from entering the rivers?

First, the less plastic we use, the less plastic there will be to enter rivers. Second, of the plastic we do use, we need to manage it properly so that it does not have the chance to find a river. Waste management infrastructure and access to services is still severely lacking around the world.

And, roughly only 10% of plastic is recycled. If we use less plastic, we can make less plastic, and there is less to waste to become plastic pollution.

### **TROUT TIP - TERRESTRIAL TIPS:**

Now is the time to tie on that hopper, ant or beetle and see what happens. Fish it successfully with these tips from Orvis.

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tips-fishing-terrestrials/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tips-fishing-terrestrials/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=o29d4)

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For this CalFire captain and outdoor adventurer, these special places are worth fighting for.

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/public-lands/this-land-is-your-land-series-jason-barr/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/conservation/public-lands/this-land-is-your-land-series-jason-barr/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=0msb4)

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### **Forever Chemicals in Beer**

[Study Finds Forever Chemicals in St. Louis County Beer](#)

STL NPR

## **STRTEAM TEAM UPDATE (cont.)**

**Livestock Waste Equivalent to More Than 3 Million People in St Croix Watershed:**

<https://wisconsinexaminer.com/2025/07/31/researcher-finds-livestock-waste-in-st-croix-watershed-equivalent-to-more-than-3-million-people/>

**PUBLIC LANDS- FROM WILDLAND FIRE TO WILD STEELHEAD:  
RESTORATION - RESTORING CREEKS IN ALASKA:**

Working with the BLM to transform historical mining impacts to Wade Creek and learning along the way. [https://www.tu.org/magazine/partnerships/river-restoration-in-gold-country/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/partnerships/river-restoration-in-gold-country/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=3msb4)

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**BRINGING IT BACK TO BASICS:**

In BC, fishing one fly is mandatory... maybe that's the way it should be everywhere to improve our skills... and benefit the fish.

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/the-true-cast/the-true-cast-why-not-fish-only-one-fly-at-a-time/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/the-true-cast/the-true-cast-why-not-fish-only-one-fly-at-a-time/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=Bmsb4)

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**TIP - FISHING UNDERCUT BANKS:**

**This is where large trout can lie in wait for your fly, so nail your approach with these tips from Orvis.**

[https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tip-undercut-banks/?](https://www.tu.org/magazine/fishing/trout-tip-undercut-banks/?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=none&zs=hW5wb&zl=Fmsb4)

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**TROUT Tips - bass fishing in hot weather:**

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**Arkansas Bans Large Swine Operations from Buffalo Watershed**

[Arkansas permanently bans large-scale swine operations from the Buffalo River watershed](#)

Buffalo River Alliance

**Source of Zebra Mussels In Colorado River:**

[Private Lake in Eagle County Source of Zebra Mussels in Colorado River](#)

VailDaily

**Chinook Salmon Seen for the First Time in Nearly 100 Years:**

[After Nearly 100 Years, Adult Winter-Run Chinook Salmon Seen In California River](#) in a tributary of the McCloud River. Chinook or King Salmon are one of the 9 species most likely to go extinct in the near term. Greg and I fished for them in Alaska, but the water was too warm and we had no success.

The Guardian

Tight lines,

Jeff Holzem

Stream Team Coordinator

## **DONATED FLY TYING MATERIAL**

If you read the last newsletter or attended the last meeting, then you know we had an incredible amount of fly tying material given to the club. That material has raised around \$250 in donations so far. We still have materials remaining and it will be brought to the September meeting so everyone can get another look! There's still some good stuff to be had.



## **\*\*YOUR HELP NEEDED\*\***

### Banquet committee

Next March we will be having our members only banquet. In order to be ready and organized for it, we need a banquet committee. The committee shall be formed consisting of three board members and two regular members. We still need two regular members to volunteer.

Again, this is the members only banquet and not the big fundraising banquet we have every other year. If you are not able to be a board member, this would be a great way to contribute to the club. Thanks in advance

### Veterans volunteers

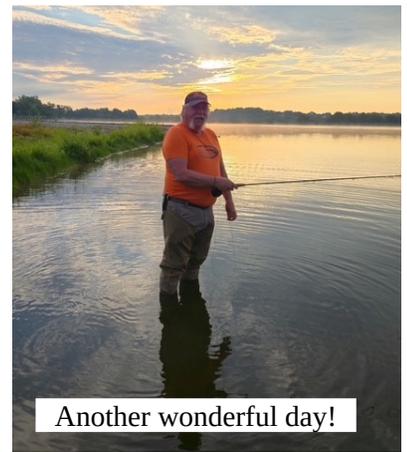
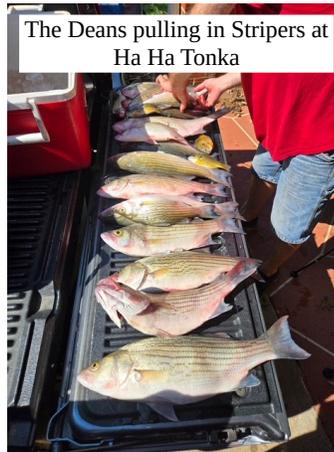
We could still use some more volunteers for fly tying with veterans up at the Columbia VA Hospital. This happens every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Please be aware that the start time is moving to 1pm, which means the crew would be leaving Jefferson City at noon. Please be available to help, even if it's just filling in once in awhile.

### Fly suggestions

If you have any ideas for fly patterns to tie for the January/February sessions, now is the time to let John Walther know. This will give him time to study the fly and acquire the materials. Please let him know ASAP.

### Nomination Committee

We will be asking 3 people to form a nomination committee. This committee will help to find candidates for Board and Officer elections in November. If you want to get to know more club members this is the perfect opportunity. This is a short term committee lasting about 3 months every year.



## **PULL FOR CONSERVATION**

Please thank Dennis Stieferman, Mike Dean, Mark Javersak, Phil Wisch, Matt Dean, and Greg Curtin for volunteering at the 2025 CFM Pull for Conservation on August 9. It was a warm day, but we all managed to survive and finish before the peak heat of the afternoon. The club will receive \$250 for having at least six people at the event. This will basically pay our annual affiliate dues for CFM. I think this is a pretty good trade-off. Thanks again guys.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## September

- September 2 – Informal Gathering
- September 4 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 6 – Veterans Free Fishing Day – Montauk State Park
- September 9 – Monthly Members Meeting
- September 11 – Citizens for State Parks, Soil, and Water
- September 13 – Women’s Fishing Day – Maramec State Park
- September 16 – Informal Gathering
- September 18 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- September 20-21 – MTFA Tournament – Montauk State Park
- September 23 – Informal Gathering
- **September 27 – Women’s Free Fishing Day – Bennett Spring State Park**
- September 30 – Informal Gathering

## October

- October 2 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 4-5 – 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rose Holland Derby – Montauk State Park
- October 4 – Redington Home Waters at Hidden Valley Outfitters??
- October 7 – Informal Gathering
- October 10-11 – White River Fly Fishing Expo – Branson, MO
- October 11 – Clarence Holland Derby – Bennett Spring State Park
- October 14 – Monthly Members Meeting
- October 16 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- October 21 – Informal Gathering
- October 28 – Informal Gathering
- October 31 – Last Day of Catch and Keep season at trout parks

## November

- November 1 – First day of the urban fishing program around the state
- November 4 – Informal Gathering
- November 6 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- **November 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kids Trout Fishing Day at McKay Park**
- November 11 – Monthly Members Meeting – Elections
- November 14 – Start of the Catch and Release season at trout parks
- November 18 – Informal Gathering
- November 20 – Fly Tying with Veterans (Columbia VA Hospital)
- November 25 – Informal Gathering

Please join the Citizens for State Parks, Soil and Water on Thursday, September 11, to launch the campaign to renew the **State Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax in 2026!** This dedicated funding source supports Missouri’s state parks, and soil & water conservation programs. Please reference the flyer below for more information about the event and RSVP details.

Please share within your organization. We hope to see you there!



**Please share your fly fishing stories, photos, events, and/or gear to go in the newsletter.**