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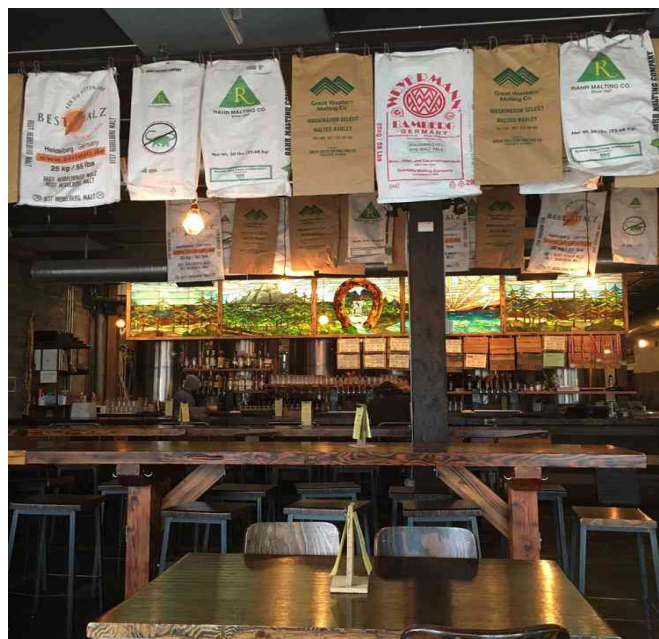
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Program

TROUT UNLIMITED'S ADVOCAY EFFORTS - NATIONAL, STATE, & LOCAL

The public is invited to the May 23rd, 2018, meeting of the Olympia Chapter of Trout Unlimited for information and discussion of the organization's advocacy efforts. Speakers include Washington Council Chairman, Brad Throssell; Olympia Chapter President, Pat Prichard; and several members of the Olympia Chapter Board.

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To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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Chapter Meetings:

The chapter holds a meeting, open to all members and the public, the 4th Wednesday of each month (usually) at the North Olympia (Fire) Station 83, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia, at 7:00pm. **See front page for May location.** There is no December meeting due to holidays.

The chapter holds a Board meeting, open to all members, the first Wednesday of each month at North Olympia (Fire) Station 83, 5046 Boston Harbor Rd NE, Olympia.

Memberships:

Become a member or renew your membership on-line at www.tu.org. It's the quickest and provides the greatest accuracy of information. No access to the internet? Bring your check to a meeting or mail it to the chapter address.

There are only TU National dues – no extra dues at the State or chapter level. Below are the membership types:

BU (Business) \$295/yr

FA (Family) \$55/yr

FL (Family Life) \$1,300

GC (Griffith Circle) \$1,000

LI (Life) \$1,059

MO (Magazine Only)

RE (Regular) \$35/yr

SE (Stream Explorer) \$12/yr

SP (Sponsor) \$100/yr

SR (Senior >61yr) \$20/yr

TE (Teen) \$14/yr

TR (Trial) 1st yr free

Currently, the Olympia Chapter has 343 members. Welcome new TU members: Cary Midwood, Byron Center (MI); Gerald Mandelke, Jacob Solberg, Olympia; and Russell Cunningham, Salkum.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Pat Prichard

We are moving from our regular digs to Three Magnets this month to extend our engagement and pass on the TU message to a broader audience. Not that we don't love the cozy confines of the Fire Station but we don't see many new faces wandering in to see what's happening with TU.

And frankly we need new energy. We have had great audience success when we schedule events at locations where folks gather to have a bite to eat and a beverage of choice. If you are a regular take the car off of auto pilot and get to the new spot for this month. In June (27th) we will be having a picnic at Pioneer Park so stay tuned. Don't worry we will be back to the Fire Station but for now we will be mobile.

This month, Brad Throssell, Chairman of the Washington Council of TU will talk about advocacy efforts. Brad is a real down to earth guy and wants to meet Chapter members throughout the state. He will be talking about some of the early successes of our advocacy efforts and some of the key issues on the horizon.

Washington and Olympia had a great representation at the recent Western Regional Conference for TU. It was held at the two mile high Keystone resort in Colorado. We heard from national leadership and folks from chapters across the 12+ western states. Topics included responding to climate change, mining, working through coalitions, advocacy from the other side. There was significant immersion in tool building and skills for TU leaders, new and experienced. We did find out that no one group has all of the answers but all were encouraged by the future of our mission.

Washington, thanks to the work of J. Michelle Swope and Heather Hodson with the Women's and Diversity Initiative and the work Washington has done with Stream Girls, we are at the forefront of developing a new generation for TU. As to skills, you will have to ask Josh Howen and J Michelle about the development of pellet flies to catch 5-8 lb. trout out of the lake. Throughout the newsletter you will find projects you can engage in. Come on out, no skills necessary and you might meet some new people.

Again, you can contact me at ppricha@msn.com.

YOU CAN BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER

The Olympia Chapter has numerous activities throughout the year. Take the opportunity to make an impact. Just call the number. If you have an interest in other activities or projects, contact any Board member and discuss it. We are always seeking topics and speakers of interest to our members for the monthly membership meetings. Send suggestions to any Board member.

- May -Sept** American Lake Veterans Fishing (Tues)
Ron Holtcamp, 360-943-8269
- May 26** Woodland Cr Preserve Restoration
Kim Malcom, 360-456-8424
- Jun-Sept** Pigeon Guillemot Surveys
Karla Kelly, c/o NRNC 360-459-0387
- Jun 2** Duck Dash
Kim Malcom, 360-701-7741
- Jun 8-9** State Council Meeting, Leavenworth
Pat Prichard, 360-491-0879
- Jun 11-14** Barrier Free Fishing Week - Cole's Pond
Ron Holtcamp, 360-943-8269
- Jun 14** Hops & Hackles
J. Michelle Swope, 360-349-0743
- Jun 24-30** NW Youth Conservation & Fly Fish Acad.
Mike Clancy, 360-753-1259
- Jun 29-Jul 1** Missouri Fishing Weekend
J. Michelle Swope, 360-349-0743

Our Project Committee may use an electronic "News Flash" approach to notify you of opportunities to participate. E-mailings go to about 2/3 of our members. Those folks all provided emails in their profile with Trout Unlimited. **Don't Miss Out! Update Your Profile!** Go to tu.org and click on MY TU then follow the path to Edit My Profile. If you have questions or are interested in becoming involved in any of our areas of focus let us know.

ANOTHER ACTIVE TU MEMBER LAID TO REST



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Friday, **April 13**, was indeed unlucky for long time TU members with the passing of Magdalena 'Lee' Cathcart. She was a life member of TU and very active in the Tacoma Chapter and State Council.

Born in Schwaigermoos, Germany, she met George, her husband, who was stationed in Erding, Germany, in 1951. As the wife of a career Air Force soldier, she became a proud U.S. citizen. They settled in Tacoma, in 1966, upon retiring from the military.

That background prompted significant volunteerism for veterans, fishing and habitat. At American Lake VA Hospital she and George amassed over 1,000 hours each as part of the recreational therapy program. Along with other TU members, 'Lee' spent an equal number of hours helping restore (and reconnect) Murray Creek's flow into American Lake. Those efforts resulted in the dedication of the 'Cathcart Trail' on Camp Murray. For several years, she handled sales items for the State Council and assisted with numerous Earth Day Banquets.

Magdalena would wish everyone to proudly display the American flag, know your neighbors, exhibit kindness, and send a card to a special person, often.

GUILLEMOT SURVEYORS NEEDED

by Karla Kelly



Pigeon Guillemot Nest & Birds

photo by J. Schwilk

The Nisqually Reach Nature Center (NRNC) is seeking people with boats to help with a habitat scouting project for our sixth year of the Pigeon Guillemot Breeding Survey.

So, what do we need from you? If you go out on your boat in the South Sound during the breeding season (June through September) and you see a high bluff scattered with holes as seen in the photo, snap a photo and grab the GPS coordinates and send all of that information over to terencelee@nisquallyestuary.org.

From there, we're going to use that information to check on the burrows for suitable habitat for Pigeon Guillemot breeding. If they are, we hope to send some of our survey volunteers out to observe the burrows and strengthen our understanding our fish-eating bird friends!

If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to check out the NRNC's website at nisquallyestuary.org or contact us via our Facebook page or Twitter account.

GREAT DESCHUTES DUCK DASH

by Kim Malcom

The annual *Lacey Rotary Food and Fun Fair Duck Dash* is Saturday, **June 2**, at Tumwater Falls Park. This is a special 'raffle' where the winners are the holders of ticket numbers matching the first 30 rubber ducks crossing the finish line. Our Chapter handles the finish line, and that's where I need 5 small boats, canoes and/or kayaks, at the old brewery below the last falls, starting at 10 am. We will set out the finish line, then round up the thousands of ducks, for which the chapter receives \$450. Call me if you

can help 360-701-7741. \$100 to the boat that brings in the most ducks after the race! Get Duck Dash tickets (\$5 each) the day of event at Falls Terrace!

STATE COUNCIL MEETING SET FOR LEAVENWORTH

by Brad Throessell, WCTU Chair

An agenda has been drafted for the June meeting of the Washington Council of Trout Unlimited (WCTU). The meeting will be held in Leavenworth with arrangements coordinated by the Icicle Valley Chapter. Lodging is at the Fairbridge Inn and Suites – 185 US Hwy 2, Leavenworth, WA, US, 98826-9009. Reservation Desk 844-513-7065. Make sure you tell them you're with TU. If you can stay over another night there are several of us who will be going fishing Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

Friday Evening June 8th (5:00pm to 8:00pm) BBQ Dinner – Osprey Site – Same place as last year on the Wenatchee River. Icicle Valley Chapter will be providing BBQ chicken, salads and desert for the Friday evening meal. Bring drinks and chips and, if you have other items please get hold of Bob Stroup, Stroup78@nwi.net. After dinner we'll go across the river and walk the site that the Icicle Valley chapter helped purchase last year.

Saturday June 9th: (8:00am till 3:30pm) – Leavenworth Community Center- Chumstick Highway across from the new Cascade High School. If you can't make it you can dial into 877-491-9738 code 79376785#

- 8:00 Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Introductions and Opening Activities
- 9:00 Business
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 State Activities
- 11:00 What would your chapter do with \$25,000
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 TU staff reports
- 2:00 Presidents Forum- Open Topics
- 3:30 Adjourn

For a detailed and updated agenda, contact Pat Prichard.

BARRIER FREE FISHING AT COLE'S POND

For over 25 years, the Olympia Chapter and Mr. Cole have provided an opportunity to convert thoughts into happy memories. And it will happen again, with the 2018 Barrier Free Fishing Week, beginning **June 11**. As those who have been involved know, the week doesn't happen all by itself - it takes effort, before, during, and after the event. You can help on Saturday, **June 9**, with setting up canopies, tables, and chairs; and assuring that all fishing equipment is good to go. Then the following Monday through Thursday volunteers are needed to assist the guests, clean fish, and maintaining equipment. After (date tbd) focuses on site cleanup, and draining the pond.

If you can help contact Ron Holtcamp, 360-943-8269, or rholtcamp@comcast.net.

NW YOUTH CONSERVATION & FLY FISHING ACADEMY

by Mike Clancy

The 2018 Northwest Youth Conservation and Fly Fishing Academy has 22 amazing boys registered for the event.

Two from N.Y., two from AK, one from OR, and the rest from WA. Unfortunately, no girls this year. Based on their essays and letters of recommendation, it appears we have another great group of kids. The Academy is **June 24-30** on Hicks Lake at The Gwinwood Community Center in Lacey. We have a fantastic instructor lineup with FFI/CCI casting instructors, fly tying professionals and conservation experts. Last year we had over 50 volunteers.

The kids will be fishing at new ponds in Graham, and the Deschutes River in Thurston County. Everyone is welcome to visit us during the week to learn what is happening (please call 1st to insure we are available). If you are available for guiding, we could use your help, especially in the evenings on the river. Please contact Jim Brosio, 360-941-9947; Tom VanGelder, 253-261-8890; or Mike Clancy, 253-278-0061. Seriously folks, we could really use your help with the guiding in the evening on the river. It's really not guiding, it's being there to make sure the kids are safe, but you could share your experience on fishing a river with them. The 2018 Academy would not take place if it was not for the generous support from the Fly Fishing Clubs, TU Chapters, corporate and private donors.

YOUR CHANCE TO FISH THE MIGHTY 'MO'

by J. Michelle Swope

As promised, United Women on the Fly (all genders welcome!) is hosting another weekend on the World Famous Missouri "MO" River in the not-so-sleepy fishing village of Craig, Montana. We're going **June 28 to July 1** in hopes there will be more walk and wade opportunities. Hosts: Heather Hodson, and Lindy LaMascus Orozco,

About 5.5hrs from Spokane, WA.; Craig, Montana, has a population of 43 and is a fun fishing town filled with lots of fishing stories and photos to back them up.

Lodging: This is a first come, first serve option and fills up quickly!! Contact the HeadHunters Fly Shop at 1-877-379-3597 for cabin availability. There's also several other Fly shops with lodging availability. The link for the cabins is http://www.craiglodging.com/?page_id=65. Please post on the page that you'd like to share the expense of the cabin on this event. Hopefully there will be others who will do this as well. :)

Meals: We'll meet up for a communal dinner on Friday and Saturday evening. You're on your own for breakfast and lunch.

Fishing: There are lots of options to fish the Missouri River. You can wade it, swing it, float it or get a guide. The river is pontoon and boat friendly and rowing is very easy. Please make a game plan with the other women that are going, whether you want to wade fish or if there is room in a boat. If you're on a budget, three women can rent a boat. Rowing is beginner friendly. Lindy and I will try to help those out who want to get in a boat or with lodging.

Fishing Techniques - The MO is well known for it's technical (at times) dry fly fishing. Caddis and PMD's should be hatching during that time of year. Nymphing is excellent during this time, streamers are also an option.

Please contact either Lindy lindy@cowgirlrelics.com or Heather info@unitedwomenonthefly@gmail.com for more detailed information. You definitely will not be disappointed in the famous Missouri River!