



"TROUT LINES"



MIDDLE FORK BUCKET BRIGADE 2012 EDITION

Ernie Nester

June 9th 2012

On June 9, 2012 about 105 people met on the Highland Scenic Highway for the fifth Bucket Brigade to move limestone sand into a tributary of the Middle Fork of the Williams River. Thanks to the efforts of Dan White and others there were at least 35 Walmart employees present to help plus about 15 friends and relatives of Walmart employees. The



tons of limestone sand which set a new record for the amount moved during a Bucket Brigade. We had gorgeous weather for the event and for the first time it did not rain during the Bucket Brigade.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (KVCTU) provided water, sodas, and snack items to keep them going until 12 tons of limestone sand was moved. Walmart provided lunch for everyone which included ham,

Trout Unlimited volunteers represented 7 different TU chapters in WV (Blennerhassett Chapter; East River Mountain Chapter; Kanawha Valley Chapter; KY, OH & WV Chapter; Mountaineer Chapter; P. Pendleton Kennedy Chapter; and Upper Ohio Valley Chapter). Two TU National employees (Gary Berti and Dustin Wichterman) came to help. WNDNR was represented by 7 volunteers. Other organizations represented included WVAngler and the WV Wilderness Coalition.

The limestone sand has to be moved by buckets about 0.25 mi. to the dump site in an unnamed tributary of the Middle Fork of the Williams River. The volunteers moved four trailer loads or almost 12





turkey and cheese for sandwiches; an assortment of chips; pickles; and drinks donated by a Walmart employee.

Curtis Curry (79 years old) was the oldest volunteer at the Bucket Brigade and Avery Orr (5 years old) was the youngest volunteer. The Wildlife Resources Section of WVDNR provided "Bucket Brigade" T shirts for all of the participants.

On September 20, 2005 DNR dumped the first load of limestone sand in a ditch beside the Highland Scenic Highway and has continued to dump limestone sand at that site. John Rebinski (WVDNR) has personally carried over 16 tons of limestone sand into the tributary that received the Bucket Brigade limestone sand.



The KVCTU started making donations to WVDNR for limestone sand projects in 2004 and makes donations every year for 3 projects including the Middle Fork of the Williams. Funds to help with the Middle Fork liming project have come from Walmart, West Virginia Trophy Hunters Association, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, AEP Foundation, and KVCTU general funds.

The purpose of this liming project is to improve the pH of the Middle Fork of the Williams so the native brook trout (our WV State Fish) will once again start living and reproducing in the stream. The water chemistry has improved and on June 5, 2011 John Rebinski and Chris Shockey saw a young of the

year native brook trout in the lower section of the Middle Fork of the Williams. This is probably the first time anyone has seen a young of the year native in the Middle Fork of the Williams since the early 1950's. The hard work is paying off!

KVCTU won the National award for most volunteers at a TU event with the bucket brigade. Congratulations to everyone and to Ernie Nestor for all of your hard work and dedication.

**HEY, DID YOU KNOW WE NOW
HAVE A REDESIGNED AND
IMPROVED WEB SITE?
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Many thanks to Ian McQuinn for his skill and efforts in bringing KVCTU's message of volunteerism to conserve, protect and restore cold water fisheries and their watersheds to an even larger audience.

**West Virginia Council of
Trout Unlimited**

**Also has a new webpage
WVTU.ORG**

**Phil Smith has worked to revamp the
site with links to all six WV chapters
and with Facebook, Twitter and,
LinkedIn.**

GREAT JOB PHIL!



LOOP CREEK STOCKING

AUGUST 25TH, 2012

JEFF NELSEN

DENNIS COTTRILL

All the thirty two hundred fingerlings were reported to have found new homes in Loop Creek and Morris Creek watersheds with no reported casualties.

Thanks from KVCTU to Max and Tom Moody for the organization, to all who hauled fish, directed the stockings, and a special “At a Boy” goes to Steve Saluk and his three companions from Parkersburg for carrying fish into the lower gorge section.

In addition to the Loop Creek and Morris Creek watersheds KVCTU stocked several additional sites over the summer.

Glade Creek, Rich Creek, Arbuckle Creek, Laurel Creek at Quinnamont in June. July saw Strange Creek in Braxton County and, August Dunloup Creek along with Loop and Morris Creeks



we had thirty show up to stock four sections of Loop Creek, Beards Fork and, Morris Creek. Mike King took approximately seven hundred and fifty fingerlings to Morris Creek and the watershed folks did the stocking. We also had seven “burly” Cub Scouts from pack 30 out of Holtz and Overlook elementary schools in Charleston. Accompanying them was their den leader Rob Nunley, who is also a member of KVCTU. Rob brought four other parents of the scouts along. Max’s suggestion of the field next to the sawmill site worked out great for the scouts. Joe Crowder and his grandson Luke Payne led the stocking there with the parents and it went well.

THE LOST BOYS?



Thanks to all who participated and brought us closer to achieving our projected goal of 63450 fish stocked.





Wesley C. Frame, Jr.

Ernie Nester

6-2-2012

On June 2nd, 2012 Ed Maguire and I attended the dedication of the memorial for Conservation Officer Wes Frame at the Monroe County Courthouse in Union, WV. Quite a few people attended this dedication including about thirty conservation officers, members and friends of the Frame family and others. The folks who spoke at the dedication included Capt. Lawrence Case, Rev. Shawn Frame(Wes' brother), Wesley Frame, III, and Sen. William Laird.

Wesley Frame from Braxton County was employed as a Conservation Officer in 1977 and started working in Monroe county. In November 1978 Officer frame arrested a man who lived near Rich Creek for littering. On November 10th 1978 this man shot and killed officer Frame. Frame was survived by his wife and a very young son. Wesley Frame was the third Conservation Officer to be murdered in WV.

Officer Frame was very conscientious about looking after the Fly Fishing Only section on Rich creek that was established in 1975. Office Frame checked my fishing license when I was on Rich creek and that was the first time I had my license checked in WV. Due o his dedicated efforts Trout Unlimited purchased and erected a bronze plaque on Rich Creek to honor the fallen office. TU members in attendance at the erection of this plaque in 1979 included Mike Gilzow, Ed Maguire, Max Robertson, and Larry Riffiee.

The Fly Fishing Only section was closed to the public in 1994 so the plaque was no longer readily accessible to the public. DNR Conservation Officers decided the plaque on Rich Creek needed to be in a better location and they were able to get permission to erect a memorial at the Monroe County Courthouse in Union.

A metal post supports a large metal back-board, the TU plaque is mounted on the top portion of this board and a new DNR plaque is mounted underneath.

If you ever drive through Union, stop and take a look at the memorial plaques for Officer Wesley Frame.



Officer Wesley Frame's family



KVCTU STOCKING SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

- ♦ September 15th, Blue Creek Stocking, 9:30AM, Cedar Grove Go-Mart, Coordinator: Don Lyons, 304-595-1244
- ♦ September 7th-9th, WVCTU fall meeting and Rendezvous, Thornwood 4H camp. Meeting is at 2 PM Sept 8th, contact: Phil Smith
wvangler1@yahoo.com
- ♦ September 29th, Loop Creek S.O.S, Coordinator: Larry Orr, edhorse@suddenlink.net
- ♦ Piney Creek Stocking, September 28th, 9:00am, Quinnamont Rail Yard, Coordinator: Jason McDaniel

**Projected 2012 fingerling total:
63,450**

KVCTU is organizing a book depository within the South Charleston Library. Members are encouraged to bring their fishing related books in to add to "the box", where they will be available to loan to other members. Check out will be on the honor system and a sign up sheet will be included. This will be a great opportunity to read some classic fishing literature along with a few how to's and manuals.

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KVCTU FUNDRAISING EVENT AT THE SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

GREEN POLO SHIRTS: \$27.50



TAN BASEBALL STYLE CAP: \$17.00

Next Chapter Meeting:

September 11th 7:00 PM South Charleston Public

Next board Meeting:

September 25th 6:30PM, South Charleston Library

September's Program:

Larry Orr will be speaking of his recent three week Montana fishing trip on the Gallatin, Yellowstone and Stillwater rivers and possibly the North Platte river in Wyoming. Featuring the Cinnamon Lodge on the Gallatin and areas where Larry's family lived.



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