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There will be no regular meeting this month. Our meeting will be included in the Christmas Party on Friday, December 15th at the Conservation Center.

Hope to see you there.



Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association - Springfield Chapter
Calendar of Events for December 2017

December 6, 2017 Branson MTFAs Monthly Meeting, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

December 9th – Fishing trip to Montauk State Park

December 15, 2017 Springfield MTFAs Monthly Meeting/Christmas Party, @ 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

From Harry Morgan, MTFAs President:

Our Christmas party is coming up:

It is scheduled for Dec. 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the conservation center. Please put it on your calendar. We will also have our meeting then. As in the past we ask that you bring an item, fishing related or not for a bucket raffle, proceeds to benefit needy children at the Pipkin Middle School. We will be collecting the cost of your dinner at the door.

MSU

Mark your calendars for helping with the MSU classes this coming year. We will meet at MSU on April 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 6 until 9:50. On May 3 we will be at Mountain Spring Trout Park from 6 until about 9 and on May 5 we will fish Roaring River with the students from 9 am until about 3 or 4 depending on how well the fish are cooperating.

MSU now has a fly fishing club and their president has registered for the class. She is also going to give all the members information about the class. Hopefully we, and their club can help each other. One of their projects is the Mayfly Project which mentors foster children through fly fishing.

On a personal note, I've been heading up the MSU Class for several years and I've decided that the spring class will be my last. I hope someone will step up to take over. If you want to do this, let me know and I'll keep you informed with everything I'm doing this spring so you can step right into the job next fall.

Ralph Eicholz

Obituary for Joseph Abrams



Joseph (Joe) Francis Abrams, age 74, of Springfield, Mo., passed away Friday, September 8th, 2017, following a long illness. He was a loving husband, dad, grandpa, and great grandpa. Joe graduated from Farmington High School in New Mexico in 1961. He continued his education by training as a mechanic, and he was a great one for many years. He ended his career as Head Mechanic for the Greene County Sheriff's Department. He loved volunteering his time with the Boy Scouts, and he was a leader for Troop 198 for many years. His love for scouting also led to involvement in Wood Badge. He gave much of his time to the Lion's Club where he held many offices for the 26H District, including Past District Governor and Melvin Jones Fellow. He also loved fly fishing and was a member of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association. He loved to visit with his many friends over coffee, as well as tinkering on models and radios. He leaves behind his wife of 53 years, Sue Abrams, and three of their four children, Treva Smith, and her husband, Gary Smith of Adrian, Missouri, Joseph Slagle-Abrams, and his wife, Andrea Slagle-Abrams of Manhattan, Kansas, and Fairelyn Kaye Bayless of Springfield, Missouri. His daughter, Darnella Jo Abrams, preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his parents, Joe W. Abrams and Ellen Vernium and her husband, Ralph Vernium. He is survived by his much-loved grandchildren and great grandchildren, Greg Smith, and his wife, Shauna, their children, Anna Marie, Gabe, and Blake of Drexel, Missouri, Rebecca Kammer, and her husband, Kyle, and their three children, Ahnika, Fletcher, and Harrison of Burke, Virginia, Tyler Smith, and his wife, Samantha of Lee's Summit, Missouri, Arianna Larriu, and her husband, Nathan, of Willard, Missouri, Colton Abrams-Radford, of Springfield, Missouri, Carlos Abrams, of Adrian, Missouri, Jordan Bayless of Springfield, Missouri, and Corbin Slagle-Abrams of Manhattan, Kansas. Visitation services will be held Monday, September 11th, 2017 from 6-8 p.m. at Greenlawn Funeral Home North. Funeral services were Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at the same location at 10:00 a.m. Burial was at Brighton Cemetery.



**May there be peace on earth
and
good will towards all.**

A Very Happy Holiday Season to All.

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