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Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association

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**The June 2023 Meeting is on Thursday, June 1,
at 6 pm At the Library Center in Community Room B**

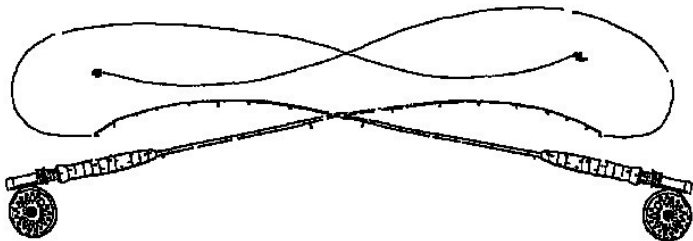
June Speaker -Taressa Wise MDC (Greene County Conservation Agent)

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Taressa Wise has the job she has dreamed about since she was a child. Wise is the new Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) agent for Greene County. She will work alongside fellow Greene County Conservation Agent Corporal Kevin Zielke. She replaces Shannon Ohrenberg who was promoted to Lieutenant in MDC's Protection Branch in the Southwest Region in 2022. Wise's new MDC assignment is an opportunity for her to work in a familiar part of the state. The Galena native is a graduate of Ozarks Technical Community College in Springfield and College of the Ozarks in Point Lookout, Mo. Just as important as returning to familiar turf is the opportunity to work in a field that has interested her since she was young.



"I have always loved nature and I enjoy conserving our outdoor resources for future generations," she said. "I've known I wanted to work for MDC since I was young."

Both Wise and Zielke work out of their homes. Wise can be reached at 417-766-7380 and Zielke can be reached at 417-830-8266. The public can also report game law violations to the Operation Game Thief Hotline, 1-800-392-1111.



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Treasurer's Report

**Dennis
Stead**

INCOME	2023 Actual	2023 Budget
Beginning Check Book Balance	\$ 7,431.31	\$ -
1 MSU Class @ \$798	\$ -	\$ -
16 student fees @ \$25	\$ -	\$ -
Education Donation	\$ -	\$ -
Memberships (93)	\$ 360.00	\$ 1,520.00
Raffle (Christmas) Pipkin	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Memorial	\$ -	\$ -
Misc. (gifts)(others)	\$ -	\$ 90.00
Refund (Derby Prizes)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Refund (Derby Food)	\$ 364.56	\$ 500.00
Christmas Dinner	\$ -	\$ -
Expo**	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 9,705.87	\$ 6,610.00

EXPENDITURES

CFM dues	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Charity (Pipkin & Tables Bennett)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Derby Prizes	\$ 1,519.16	\$ 1,500.00
Derby Food	\$ 126.27	\$ 500.00
Discretionary fund	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Equipment (Includes storage)	\$ 840.00	\$ 840.00
Expo (Paid 2023)	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Derby Lodging	\$ 131.53	\$ 328.02
MTFA State Membership Dues	\$ 206.00	\$ 212.00
Liability Insurance	\$ 302.00	\$ 295.00
Library	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Membership	\$ -	
Education Expenses	\$ -	
MSU Expenses	\$ -	
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Newsletter Postage & supplies	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Programs	\$ 24.00	\$ 400.00
Rental Agreement Fish Fry	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Socials	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Website	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	
Total	\$ 4,398.96	\$ 8,530.02
Ending Check Book Balance	\$ 5,306.91	\$ (1,920.02)

Current Check Book Balance	\$ 5,306.91
Current date	5/26/23

Chapter News:



Our next meeting we will summarize the MTFA annual Derby and provide some up coming events. Our guest speaker will be Taressa Wise. Rod Pennington and I met her and agent Kevin Zielke on the Little Sac River at Taylor Bridge access. They both are MDC conservation agents out the South-west Regional office. Taressa began her work as an agent the first of the year. I invited her to speak with us and have her share her story.

Kim Schultz

THURSDAY MAY 25, 2023

**Look at this:
 Tablerock Dam
 with no generation
 except for one hour
 in the afternoon.
 It's an invitation to
 fish.**

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NEWS THAT AFFECTS FISH AND FISHING:

The Clean Water Act: The U.S. Supreme Court redefined the word “adjacent” by removing the concept of “a significant nexus” and inserting the requirement of “continuous surface connection”. The specific case which led to the opinion resulted in a unanimous agreement that the application of the CWA was incorrect. However, the definition which affects the overall value of the law was hotly contested within the court. You can read what fishing/conservation organizations think about it by following the links below.

- [*U.S. Supreme Court Weakens The Clean Water Act - Trout Unlimited*](#)
- [*Microsoft Word - WOTUS Resolution Final 08182017.docx \(confedmo.org\)*](#)
- [*Fishable Waters \(flyfishersinternational.org\)*](#)

Fishing Reports:

River Run Outfitters reports good fishing at Taneycomo. From Carolyn Parker at River Run Outfitters in Branson: 5/24 "Seeing no generation during the morning hours, then two, three or four units on for a while in the late morning or early afternoon for five to six hours. Fishing has been great. Successful flies have been the copper dun midge, rainbow and micro scuds, the ruby 2 midge, the JQ streamer, the rusty midge and the 56er. Just have to comment on the great quality of the fish we are catching. They are all healthy, and FAT! And, we are catching more fish on a regular basis above 17 inches!"

Tim's Fly Shop at Roaring River: Water is low and clear, 39 CFS, perfect for dry flies and sight fishing with marabou jigs and worms, really good quality water right now. Beetles, ants, small hoppers, caddis, blue wing olives, griffiths gnats, and lt. cahills are all catching trout right now. 9' 7X leaders will really be your best bet with the small dries.

I'm still getting by with 9' 6X leaders when using nymphs, buggers, egg patterns and crackle backs. sow bugs, scuds, pheasant tails and hares ears all worked pretty good this past week. Pink san juan worms were good to this past week.

Marabou jigs are really working good, olive, black/yellow, white, and the tan have all been productive lately. 4lb line, 2lb line is recommended right now, camo line is horrible in this water, stick with moss green lines and lines that are clear, blue, yellow, white, and braid does not work well when the water is this clear. Good luck on the river this week. From Tim Homesely

Larry's Sporting Goods Bennett Spring Tip of the Week: The water at Bennett has been high most of the month of April an early May. Currently up about 10 inches over normal for this time of year. I hope to see the water back down and in better shape by the weekend. You will want to avoid the faster current and fish the seams where the fast and slow water meet. You can also have success fishing on the downstream side of any structure. From Logan Miller, New Owner of Larry's Fly Shop.

Editor's note: According to the USGS water report, the water level at Bennett Spring is coming down.

Fishing Reports:

Chris Diggins: Emily and I fished the Green River, below the Flaming Gorge dam in UT. We floated the river for four days with two exceptional guides from Old Moe's Guide Services out of Dutch John, UT. We caught rainbow and browns with Emily netting a 21 1/4 brown, and a 22 1/2 inch rainbow. We used midges in the morning and BWO's in the afternoon. When fishing slowed mid day, we used San Juan worms on the upper fly and pheasant tails on the bottom which perked things up a bit.



The water was fairly low for this time of the year due to work at the dam, with water flowing about 800. We fished the A section which is a seven mile stretch from the base of dam to "Little Hole" where we exited the river. The water was a bit dirty in section B due to the runoff of melting snow.



Mike Kidd: I'm in Alaska catching Dolly Varden and cutthroat rainbow trout while on a cruise.

Kim Schultz: May 23, 2023 (Tuesday): Rod and my last trip fish was April 25 fishing James River. Since then, we several significant rainfalls elevated the rivers to near flooding conditions. We decided to hold off going back to James River and check out Little Sac River. Stockton Lake has come up 18" since our last trip, with the Little Sac about normal flow and gage height for this time of the year. We did not find catching to be easy, we did release nine white bass, two carp, a shad and a 36" gar pike. The pike has a foul hooked and it broke the line on the shore as I was about to get a photo. The eagle was perched up stream from me. The lake is now backed up the second power line and that is where I caught most of the white bass. The gar pike are moving up with many in the S curve. Rod and I hope to get back to James River in the next week. 2.41 ft 130cfs 869.8 ft



Bob Randall: White River, Cotter, AR, Larry Olson and I booked a trip 17 months ago for the first of May. Who knew the wind would be howling at 40 mph? It was tough casting and the guide worked his hbrc off trying to keep the boat positioned properly. We each caught 4 brownies on nymphs. Larry also caught a nice bow. Tried to fish dries but the wind was just too much.



Schedule:

June 1: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B Presentation by Taressa Wise MDC (Greene County Conservation Agent)

June 10, - Jun 11: Free Fishing Weekend at Roaring River SP

June 22, Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B, Christian Andrews will demonstrate the featured fly, the Prince Nymph

July 6: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B, Presentation by Shane Bush, Taneycomo

July 27: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

July 27 @ 12 noon through 29th, MTFA Expo, Branson MO, Fly tying exhibition, raffle drawings, Branson Hollister Lions Club. Contact Dennis Stead for information.

August 3: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B Presentation: Bull Shoals?

August 19: Kids fish free at Roaring River SP

August 24: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

September 7: Mt Spring Highlandville Fishing Event and Picnic

September 17: Veterans fish free at Roaring River SP

September 28: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

September 30: Women's Free fishing Day at Bennett Spring SP

October 5: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B, Presentation: Tyler? James River?

October 21: Chili Feed, Shepherd of the Hills Pavilion w/ Branson 11 am –1 pm

October 26: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

November 2: Monthly Chapter Meeting, Library Center, Community Room B, TBA

November 16: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B

December 7: Christmas Party & Installation of 2024 officers

December 28: Chapter Fly Tying at Library Center, Community Room B



**Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association
Annual Derby**
Hosted by Bennett Spring State Park Store

Our Vendors and Supporters:

Reading's Fly Shop Lebanon, MO	Larry's Orvis Shop Lebanon, MO
Weaver's Tackle Store Lebanon, MO	River Run Fly Shop Branson, MO
Plateau Fly Shop Springfield, MO	



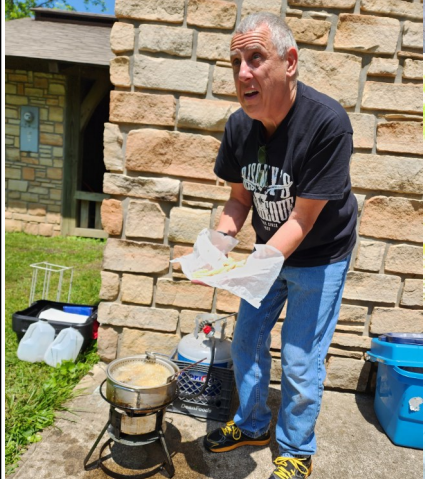
The 2023 Annual MTFA Derby is behind us. All who attended had fun. All 55 members who joined in on the lunch ate their fill. The menu was deep fried white bass, potatoes, onions, baked beans, and coleslaw. Hatchery Manager Ben Havens attended the annual meeting and lunch presenting a discussion and update on the hatchery renovation. The updated hatchery will be huge improvement. We did something a little different this year. We held a members' raffle on Saturday in addition to the final raffle after the derby prize distribution. The numbers were as follows: 22 tagged fish brought in with Duane Crawford having two. 160 entries for the derby. 1/4 were MTFA members and the rest were non-members participating in the Derby. Several families are recurring participants: Vandoren family, Haynes family and Crawford family. Thanks to Kim Schultz, Rod Pennington, Pat Taggart, Todd and Donna Christell, Dick Solomon, and John Bush. The 2024 Derby will be May 18 & 19, 2024 at Bennett Spring State Park. Hope to see you there.



Derby Pics



Memorial Service



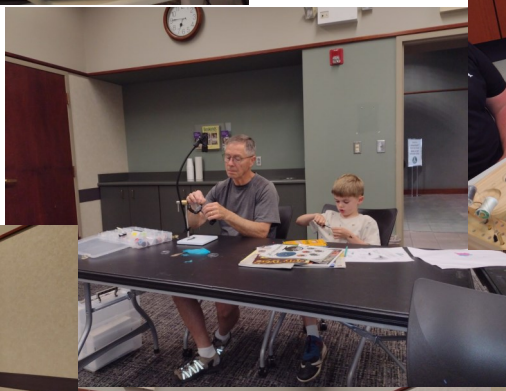
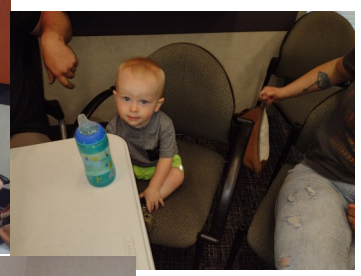
Ben Havens,
Hatchery Manager



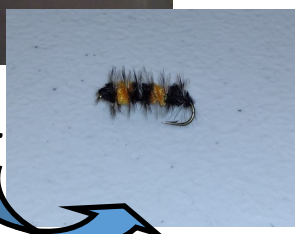
**Fly Tying, May 25, 2023, The Featured Fly was the Silver Invicta.
Thanks to Russ Doughty for introducing us to this very old pattern.**



**Recipe: Hook, size 10 or 12 2XL
Thread, Black 6/0
Tail, Golden Pheasant Crest
Rib, Silver Wire
Body, Uni- Mylar Silver
Body Hackle, furnace
Throat, Blue Jay Fibers were una available. Sub-
stitute blue hackle
Wing, Turkey Quill**



Cecil (Woody) Woodman demonstrated this wooly fly.



You Can't Trust Those Fishy Photos, Artificial Intelligence Photoshop

I know for a fact that anglers hold their fish in front of them at arms' length when taking their fish photos. I've heard members of MTFA tell this to new anglers, I've seen them do it, and maybe I've done it myself but that memory may just be a dream. OK, maybe my elbows were bent a little so that's not arms' length. Photoshopping was a new thing a few years ago, but in my experience, it was only used



to remove unwanted people from a photo or maybe add someone. Now, artificial intelligence has been introduced to the common world of just taking pictures as Adobe on Tuesday said it's incorporating an AI-powered image generator into Photoshop, with the goal of "dramatically accelerating" how users edit their photos. How will we ever believe our fellow anglers when they show us their photos? Not that we believed them anyway.

This photo was created without artificial intelligence by a college student as a joke over 10 years ago . It's going to get worse as the technology gets better.

Water levels:

Roaring River water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Taneycomo water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

Bennett Spring water level: [National Weather Service Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service](#)

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If you would like to submit an article for the MTFA newsletter, please put MTFA NL in the email subject line and send to Bob Randall: bobbyleensandy@gmail.com

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