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# THE MERSHON MINNOW

◆ Newsletter of the William B. Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited ◆

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## IMPORTANT DATES:

**Saturday, August 26th**  
*Rifle River Restoration Project*

More details to follow.

Watch for more details on our website at [mershon-tu.org](http://mershon-tu.org).

**Saturday, September 16th**  
*Fall Rifle River Clean-Up*

Watch the Mershon chapter website for more details.

**Mershon Chapter Monthly Board Meetings**

*1st Wednesday each month*

5:30-7:00 pm,  
 at Case Funeral Home,  
 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw  
*(No meetings during summer months)*

**Fall Board Meeting Dates:**

September 6, 2017  
 October 4, 2017  
 November 1, 2017

*(More information and updates, including any fees, will be found on our website and Facebook page.)*

## Rifle River summer work project planned

Plans are still being finalized concerning this year's restoration work on the Rifle River. Each year, Mershon chapter members, along with individuals from the Ann Arbor TU chapter and Huron Pines, have been working on

repairing erosion sites along the river.

This year's project will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at a location to be determined.

Further information will be available later this summer at the [mershon-tu.org](http://mershon-tu.org) website or the Mershon Facebook page.

If interested, please RSVP with Josh Leisen at Huron Pines. ◆

## Hundreds attend Arthur C. Neumann memorial dedication

The April 29th dedication of the Arthur C. Neumann Trout Unlimited Memorial at Lovells Museum of Trout Fishing History was blessed by warm, sunny weather and a crowd on nearly 200 guests from all over Michigan. Trout Unlimited President and CEO Chris Wood was among those who reminded us of the important role Art played in the growth of Trout Unlimited as it transitioned from a small group of likeminded trout fisherman to the nation's leading advocate for cold-water fisheries.

If you were unable to join us, please make time this summer to stop by and visit the memorial. You will want to take time to visit the museum as well, as this year's exhibit is dedicated to Art Neumann and his Wanigas



Rod Company. The Museum is open Friday and Saturday from 11 AM until 4 PM through the end of September.

If you still wish to make a donation to the memorial, you can do so by sending a check to Michigan Trout Unlimited, 2114 Seventh Street, Bay City, MI 48708, or through PayPal by visiting the Michigan Trout Unlimited website. ◆

## A message from our president

Another banquet season is over. We had an exciting banquet with many happy participants.

There will be no more chapter meetings until September. This fall, please attend any you can; they can be quite

interesting. We always have lots to discuss at these meetings, and your input would be great.

The September meeting will be held at Case's Funeral Home on the corner of Mackinac and Shattuck in Saginaw.

Have a great summer, enjoy nature, and please be safe.

—Don Meyer,  
 chapter president

**Watersheds and wild places are home for North America's coldwater fisheries.** By working in partnership with key players, Trout Unlimited strives to protect these places for future generations of anglers.

## Fall Rifle River clean-up date announced

September 16th is the date for the fall clean up along the Rifle River. Although plans are being finalized, individuals interested in helping out can plan on meeting at Mike Bachelder's house off of

Gerald Miller Road that Saturday morning, usually at 9:00 am.

Sections will be assigned for cleaning, and then participants are invited to

return to Mike's for lunch and refreshments.

More detailed information will be posted on Facebook and [mershon-tu.org](http://mershon-tu.org) this summer. ♦

## Mershon chapter 2017 funding report released

Thanks to the generous support of Mershon chapter members, the chapter is providing financial support to projects involving conservation, education, and research. In total, ten different organizations or individuals were granted funds.

We are happy to support new Salmon in the Classroom programs, Rifle River restoration projects, participation in the KVCTU trout camp for 3 teens, and invasive species eradication programs on the Au Sable, among other worthwhile projects.

Over \$10,000 will be donated to grant recipients, and it all is due to the funds raised during our annual spring banquet.

Look for more details in upcoming issues of the Muddler. ♦

## Recipient honored with Mershon Chapter Award



The Rev. Bruce Hatch Resource Professional Award was bestowed upon Andrew Tollman during this year's Spring Banquet. Mr. Tollman is a teacher in the Vassar Community Schools system who has been involved with the Salmon in the Classroom

Program for three years. He also serves as a resource for other teachers participating in the program and makes it an educational and fun project for all the students involved.

Congratulations Andrew!

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