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2005 Trout Pond a Success!!

By Steven Arnoczky

The Perrin - Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited once again staffed the Kid's Trout Pond at the Lansing Sport Fishing and Travel show held March 10-12th at the Lansing Center. Forty-four chapter volunteers provided encouragement, instruction, and support as kids of all ages tried their luck at catching a rainbow trout. To encourage the values of Trout Unlimited, special Frank "Bob" Perrin Catch and Release Certificates were given to all anglers who released their catch. This year the chapter raised \$1810 which will be used to support our mission..... **to conserve, protect and restore Michigan's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds, and improve trout habitat in the rivers and streams of Michigan.** Thanks to all who volunteered their services for this wonderful event and we hope to see everyone back again next year.

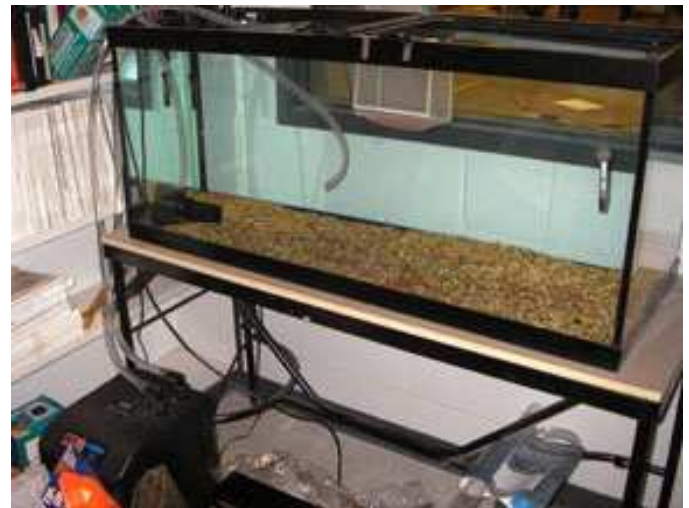


Salmon/Trout in the Classroom – Update – They're Hatching Like Crazy!

by Dick Augustine

“THEY'RE HATCHING LIKE CRAZY” -

That's the latest word from **Everett Smith**, Ovid-Elsie Schools Industrial Arts Instructor, the chapter's partner in the **“Trout-in-the Classroom Project”**. The fertilized “Rainbow” eggs were delivered to the school on April 15, just in time for the ***Ovid-Elsie Sportsman's Festival***.



The festival was truly “spectacular”, highlighting the students and other volunteers' outdoor related projects. Chapter members felt privileged to participate.

Jim Bedford conducted “River Fishing” Seminars. Chet Kapusinski, Jim Pifer, and Dan Oberst joined the **“Muddler Minnows”**, demonstrating their fly-tying skills. Many children were excited to go home with “bugs” that they had tied, (*with the volunteers' help*), attached to their hats, and ready to catch their next big fish! They all left with a smile and a gleam in their eye.

Dick Augustine enjoyed monitoring the “trout hatching” equipment, explaining the project and our chapter's participation.

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Be a part of something special !!

By Steven Arnoczky

The Perrin - Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited has undergone some major renovations in the past year. First, and foremost, as you may already know, our chapter has been renamed in honor of one of its founding members and devoted conservationist, Frank "Bob" Perrin. An avid outdoorsman, Bob not only espoused the principles of TU, he lived them. The stewardship of Michigan's trout habitat was a priority for Bob and will remain the centerpiece of the chapter's mission....**Trout Unlimited's mission of conserving, protecting, and restoring cold-water fisheries and their watersheds.**

To celebrate our new name, the chapter has designed a new logo. The silhouette of a fisherman over a leaping brook trout commemorates Bob and his favorite species of trout. This logo has been transposed into vinyl bumper stickers and embroidered patches. You can help support your chapter with the purchase of either one of these. (see order form on page 5, or visit the chapter website (www.lansing-tu.org) for ordering information). Profits from these sales will be used to create and improve trout habitat in Michigan rivers and streams.

Another way of helping the chapter fulfill its mission is to get involved in some of the fun and rewarding projects undertaken by our chapter.

2004 /2005 Chapter Projects:

Trout Pond: The Trout Pond at the Lansing Sportsfishing Show is one of our chapter's annual fund raisers, (see "2005 Trout Pond" article on the front page). Chapter volunteers lend their support and guidance to hopeful anglers of all ages as they try and hook elusive rainbow trout. This is often a child's first introduction to fishing and it is also a wonderful opportunity to introduced to the concept of "catch and release" to these young anglers. It is always one of the most popular events for chapter members

Trout in the classroom

This is a very exciting project that is taking place right now at Ovid-Elsie High School. Everitt Smith, Industrial Arts teacher at Ovid-Elsie recently organized an "Indoor/Outdoor Sportsman's Extravaganza", part of which, is a long term educational project, supported by our chapter, which consists of the actual hatching and rearing of rainbow trout in the classroom. (See Dick Augustine's article on page 1).

Ingham Youth Fishing Derby

This is another local activity, taking place on May 21st, sponsored by Ingham County Parks, the objective of which is to get youth involved in outdoor activities, such as fishing. The Perrin chapter will be assisting in the fun event. See Jim Pifer's article on page 3.

WaWa Sum

WaWa Sum is a historic century old lodge on the banks of the "holy waters", on the famed AuSable River in Grayling. It is also the site where our chapter annually retreats for a work project and a fun filled weekend of fishing and fellowship. Dick Augustine is coordinating this year's weekend outing. See his article entitled "WaWa Sum 2005" on page 5.

AuSable River Cleanup

This is another popular annual event sponsored by the Angler's Of The AuSable, with help of the Red Cedar Flyfishers. It's a cooperative river cleanup activity, which our chapter, as well as many other chapters and conservation groups participate in. It always takes place, the weekend after Labor Day in the Grayling. The event is rewarding, fun, and culminated with an outdoor Bar-B-Q at Gates' AuSable Lodge.

Coldwater River project

This is a river project to create fish habitat in the Coldwater River near Freeport. Our chapter, as well as Kalamazoo TU, and the West Michigan Schrem chapter are supporting the local watershed group there with donations and manpower.

"30 Oaks Bend Project"

Last year our chapter twice assisted in a huge bank stabilization project on the lower South Branch of the AuSable River, and will again this year continue work on the project during the WaWa Sum weekend in July. At the completion, a Bob Perrin Memorial plaque will be placed near the site.

These are just some of the exciting projects being undertaken by the Perrin – Lansing Chapter.

Remember, that while your National TU membership automatically makes you a member of the chapter, your involvement shouldn't stop with simply an annual

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For updates on the exciting project, visit:
www.lansing-tu.org

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membership fee. Maintaining and improving trout habitat and the cold water fishery in Michigan require money **and** manpower. While the chapter welcomes your dollars, it also **needs** your participation. The lifeblood of any service organization is its volunteers, and the Perrin - Lansing Chapter of TU is no exception. Become an active member in *your* TU Chapter and be a part of something very special.

To find out how you can help with these and other chapter activities, visit the chapter website at www.lansing-tu.org, or contact one of our board members.

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The kids thought it was really cool that the two little black dots in the eggs were actually trout eyes. They also noticed that there was some wiggling going on within the eggs, and were quite excited to know that they could eventually mature to be rainbow trout. Just like the "mount" that was displayed near the tank



"with a little help..."

On behalf of the Ovid/Elsie school system, students, and community members, Everett Smith wishes to thank our chapter for our participation in the Festival, and the financial support to make the **Trout-in-the Classroom** project become a reality. **"It's really exciting!"**



Everitt Smith at his office hatchery

Ingham Youth Fishing Derby

by Jim Pifer

Ingham County Parks are sponsoring the 1st Annual Youth Fishing Derby on **Saturday May 21, 2005 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at Burchfield Park on Grovenburg Road in Holt.**

The Perrin – Lansing Chapter is participating in this fun-filled event by providing funding for prizes, volunteers for the various "optional" sessions as well as helping kids catch trout in the park's pond.

Preliminary Agenda:

8-10 a.m. – Registration (Overlook Shelter)

10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Fishing Derby (North End of the Pond)

Optional Sessions:

Casting Classes (Casting, Open-faced, and Fly)

Fly Tying/Lure Making Classes

Casting Contests

Fish Cleaning Demonstration

Hot Dogs, Chips, Cookie, and Pop meals for sale 11:30-3:00 at Overlook Shelter (supply and cost depends on donations)

If you are interested in participating, please contact Jim Pifer at 517 646-0141

Wa Wa Sum – On the AuSable 2005

by Dick Augustine

This year's retreat is scheduled for July 8 – July 10. Please check your calendars now as this is a week later than in the past. The change reflects the calendar cycle and a long-standing booking arrangement with MSU.

Cost for the weekend is \$70, which includes lodging for Friday and Saturday, Saturday breakfast, lunch & dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Lodging is also available for Thursday, July 7th, for an additional \$25. If you have alternative lodging available in the Grayling area, and still would like to participate in the work project, any of the meals, or the Sunday morning Conservation Seminar, individual meal tickets will be available. **You must, however, contact us as early as possible regarding your plans.** The luncheon for the Project will be provided by the Chapter & sponsors, without charge.

The popularity of this annual event means that you must reserve your space as soon as possible. **First come, first served is the rule!**

To reserve your space, send a \$25 deposit (checks made to Perrin/Lansing Trout Unlimited) to Dick Augustine. The balance is expected not later than June 30. If for any reason you need to cancel, please contact Dick. The \$25 deposit is considered non-refundable (a donation) unless a substitute attendee can be found.



The WaWa Sum Experience

The WaWa Sum weekend experience.... is an opportunity to participate with other chapter members in our **premier annual event.** It's a chance to "catch and

release" a trophy trout on some of Michigan's best streams. It's a chance for less experienced anglers to learn some tips from the "elders", enjoy some of the best food that you will ever experience on a fishing weekend.

It's also a chance to fall asleep to the sounds of the north woods, enhanced by **Pat L.'s** native American flute "**Serenade to the River**" or, a chance to establish & or re-establish some fishing friendships. The weekend can't get much better!

The Catch

There's just one catch to this great weekend experience.... you will be expected to participate in our Conservation Project, and oh yes, there's always the cooking and cleanup. But after the weekend is over, you will agree that this is a very small price to pay. Our projects have included volunteers from ages 8 to 81! Age & physical limitations are never an issue

The Work Project

Will be to continue to maintain & catalog the progress of our "Cedar for the Au Sable" cedar planting at "Guides Rest".

Complete "Stage Three" of the "**30 Oaks Bend Project**", on the lower South Branch of the AuSable. Placement of new vegetation including native grasses, wildflowers, and trees to enhance the erosion control measures already established.

Review our past efforts "upstream" from 30 Oaks, at the "Hicks" property, which may include the installation of field-stone "J-Dams".

Placement of the "**Perrin Memorial Stone**" at 30 Oaks Bend.

This may sound like a lot of work. **It Is.** But with our past record of participation, it'll get done before the Saturday cook-out and the evening fishing begins.

This is probably the best "sweat equity" that we all can leave to future generations.

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Chapter Makes Annual Grant Donations

by Greg Bovee

The Frank "Bob" Perrin/Lansing Chapter Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce two grant donations for 2005. For the last several years the chapter has donated upwards of \$5000 annually to projects or organizations that support our chapter's mission. This year we are donating \$2500 to the Coldwater River Watershed Council and \$2500 to the Au Sable River South Branch project administered by the Anglers of the Au Sable.

The Anglers of the Au Sable are trying to raise about \$25,000 to finish the last leg of the South Branch Project, from Smith Bridge to the mainstream. This is an area the Perrin chapter has been very active, with work projects the past several years, including "30 Oaks Bend". We are pleased to partner with the Anglers to preserve this beautiful stretch of this great resource. While the fight goes on to protect the Mason Tract from gas drilling, we believe this is money well spent.

Likewise, with the donation to the Coldwater River Council, we hope to continue our partnership with the council and Schrem Chapter TU, on this local stream. The Coldwater River, just 45 minutes west of Lansing, near Freeport, was the site of our summer workbee in 2004. We plan to continue working there this summer, with emphasis on half-logs and "large trout cover". This donation is seed money for those workbee's. We hope all of you can be proud of our local efforts, and lend a hand. Stay tuned to the website www.lansing-tu.org for scheduled events.

PERRIN MEMORIAL FUND

by Dick Augustine

The Chapter intends to erect a **Memorial Plaque & Stone** to honor not only the namesake of our chapter, but to acknowledge our continuing work at "30 Oaks Bend", on the banks of the South Branch of the AuSable. The site was selected as it has been the focus of our recent Northern Michigan projects and that much of the work was accomplished on the weekend of Bob's passing. It was Bob's wish that we continued our work plans, regardless of his personal outcome. No one expected less.

The chapter board intends that the cost of the memorial would be offset by **dedicated donations**, and not from our general funds. We have currently received generous donations to cover over 50% of the estimated expense. To participate in this fund raising effort, please send checks written to "**Perrin-LCTU**" to **Dick Augustine**, with the notation "**Perrin Memorial Fund.**" All participants will receive a letter acknowledging support, as well as acknowledgement in our next newsletter.

Note: Other than dedicated checks received, two members gave cash donations at on one of dinner meetings. I apologize for not recording the donors. Please contact me so that you can be properly acknowledged.

Perrin Chapter Trout Unlimited Decal / Patch Order Form

Support the Perrin - Lansing Chapter of Trout Unlimited by purchasing and displaying our new logo!



\$3.00 ea 3-1/2"
outdoor
self-adhesive
decal

\$5.00 ea 3-1/2"
embroidered
patch

The money from the sale of our logo will be used for conservation of Michigan Streams and Rivers

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

No of Decals @ \$3	No of Patches @ \$5	Additional Donation \$2, \$5 \$10 \$25 more	Total Enclosed

Please make checks payable to: **Perrin Chapter Trout Unlimited.**

Mail this form and check to:

PCTU
Robert Flickinger
6603 Windsong Way
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Calendar of events

April 30	Opening of Trout Season 2005
May 21	Kids Fishing Derby – Burchfield Park
June	Fishing!
July 8 - July 10	Wa Wa Sum Chapter Retreat and Work Project
July / August	Tentative Coldwater River project Continuation of 2004 project
July / August	Fishing!
September 10	Annual AuSable River Cleanup

The RollCast is a collaborative effort of a few Perrin Chapter members. Editor: Chet Kapusinski

Be sure to visit www.lansing-tu.org to keep abreast of chapter activities throughout the year, and leave us your email address so that we may keep in touch with you about important announcements.

Perrin – LCTU Mission Statement:

To Conserve, Protect, and Restore Cold-water Fisheries and their Watersheds.

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