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Spring Creek Festival 2004

The Spring Creek Festival of 2004 was a huge success. Through the efforts of many volunteers a significant contribution was made toward the Blue River Project. A big **THANK YOU** to all those who made this a success. A special thank you to donors and sponsors.

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Blue River Project 2004

The work on the Larry Wolenech property, a targeted 1,800-foot stream segment, has been completed. The various structures are in place, the riparian zone has been seeded, mulched, and the new grasses have begun to appear. The technical applications are exemplary and the project is arguably equal or better than any such work done anywhere. The Nohr Chapter's objective of reaching for a higher standard in restoration work is certainly an evident outcome. Contractors Roger Widner and Dave Roh are to be commended for a job well done. The benefits of our partnership with other TU Chapters are reflected in the quality of this effort. The Nohr Chapter wishes to express sincere gratitude to all those individuals who volunteered their labor and to all partner organizations that donated funds to the project.

Blue River Project 2005

The site this year is a 4800-foot segment on the Wayne Zoha farm. This is just east of where the work was done last year and can be accessed from Blue River Road. Work started back in November. Roger Widner has surveyed the site and has developed plans, which are now headed for our Chapter 30 permitting. Brian Larson is busy doing the fund raising and we are looking at all our past donors and some new ones. We are going to deed about \$48,000 this year. Don Pluemer is busy communicating with our contractors, the DNR folks and the county. We will have several workdays this spring building some 65 lunger structures. This is a big undertaking. It has been said that this is 4 to 5 times what the state does for stream restoration in this fisheries district each year.

Curriculum Development Project

Now that the basic cold-water ecology curriculum has been completed, ten teachers are piloting the program. We plan to bring them together this summer and complete the final revision of the document and make it available to other groups. The curriculum is based on the Water Action Volunteer program.

Volunteers aren't un-paid because they are worthless but because they are priceless.

Visit from National TU



L to R Steve Kinsella, writer and media consultant, Laura Hewitt, TU National-Midwest Conservation Director, John "Duke" Welter, TU National Board Director and member of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board, Pete Esser, Nohr Project Chairman, Don Pluemer, President of the Nohr Chapter and Blue River Project Leader, and Chris Wood, TU National – Vice President for Conservation

On October 16, 2004 several national Trout Unlimited representatives were given a tour of the Blue River project. Laura Hewitt, National Midwest Conservation Director commented, "The Blue River project is an excellent example of TU chapters working with a wide array of partners to help protect water quality, restore stream habitat, while working cooperatively with farmers and other landowners. This is exactly the kind of work we would like to promote and expand throughout the Driftless Region of Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota."

TUDARE

TUDARE (Trout Unlimited Driftless Area Restoration Effort) has been initiated by National TU to draw attention to the need for restoration work in the driftless region and to develop some common best practices for stream restoration in the driftless area. Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter and the Elliott Donnelley Chapter have each seeded this effort with \$1000.

Editorial request

Could someone write a couple articles about plants of the riparian zone? Or point me to an article somewhere that could be used in the next newsletter.

Coming Events

NOHR CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

This is NOTIFICATION for the NOHR CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION of OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS to be held on March 15, 2005, 7:00 P.M., at the Stonefield Apts in Dodgeville, WI.

Nohr Chapter Fly Tying Classes

Classes will begin on Sunday, **February 13, 2005** from 1:00-3:00 pm at Stonefield Apartments in Dodgeville, WI. Enrollment in the class will be limited. Please contact Eric Johannesen if you are interested in participating in the class (608 943 6271 erjmjj@mhtc.net). There will be three sessions, including one concurrent with the Southern Lie-n-Tie listed below.

Cabin Fever Day - Southern Lie n Tie

When: Sunday, February 20, 2005

Where: Stonefield Apartments in Dodgeville, WI

Time: 1:00-3:00pm

Lie-and-tie is the name of a gathering of fly fishers and tiers to talk, eat, and tie. People from all over the state will be there.

Len Harris will be talking about trout fishing in Southern Wisconsin follow the tying session (3:30 pm.). Len is a guide and a big fish hunter and a photographer. He should be very interesting.

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