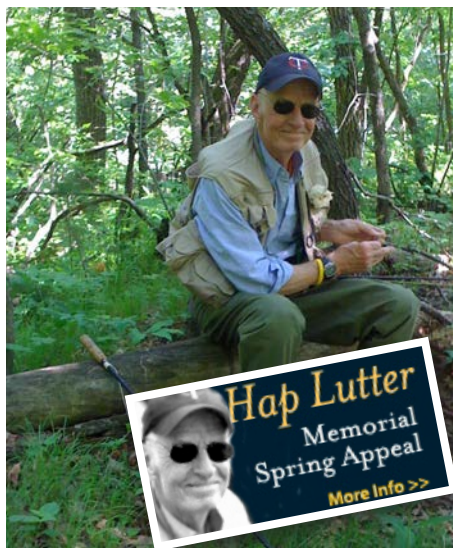




The Drift: Words from our President.

Great Waters Expo: Lots of friends of Kiap-TU-Wish stopped at the booth. It was fun to talk about the upcoming fishing season, the River Falls dam and stream restoration work. Thanks to the volunteers who staffed the booth: Jon Jacobs, Jim Kojis, Bruce Maher, Gary Richardson. Greg Dietl, Ed Constantini, Roy Erickson, the always-popular Mike Alwin, Mark Peerenboom, Randy Arnold, Trish Hannah and Perry Palin.



It's time for our chapter's Hap Lutter Memorial Spring Appeal. See page 6 for more information about Hap and the appeal.

remained active and is our go-to-guy for a multitude of stuff. If we need something printed—stream access cards, spring appeal letters—Bob coordinates it. Need a couple of plaques, Bob takes care of it. He does an excellent job proof reading RipRap; no hyphen is missed. He is our liaison with Laughing Trout and has been my resource for any questions on parliamentary protocol. The next time you see Bob, thank him for all he does for the chapter.

Thank You: My role as chapter president will end at our upcoming March board meeting. I've enjoyed serving on the Kiap board and my tenure as chapter president. The best part has been working with so many wonderful people and learning more about stream conservation. I look forward to a new role as an ex-officio board member.

—Tom Schnadt

Stream Restoration Work: This winter's brushing and burning has occurred primarily in Dunn county. With energy and passion, Randy Arnold coordinated the work on Wilson Creek and Hay Creek while we've waited for the approval to start work on the Trimble/Gutting easement. A computer glitch at the federal level delayed the release of NRCS funding until late February. Complications with interpretation of contract language has furthered delayed the project. Nate Anderson is still hopeful that once the contract is approved, he'll be able to start working on the site in mid-summer.

Unsung Hero: I'd like to thank Bob Trevis for all he does for Kiap-TU-Wish. After retiring from the board, Bob has

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Please join us at our April 4th chapter meeting in River Falls. The St. Paul Fly Tiers will be tying flies. Lots of flies. Flies for all species, trout to muskie.

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The photo above is from the Amery Intermediate School's Trout in the Classroom program. The poster taped up behind the tank says "View TROUT Here. LIVE. Eggs to Alevin to Fingerling." Awesome.

DON'T FORGET:

- Visit the K-TU website & Facebook page for news, announcements & updates.
- The next RipRap deadline is Friday, April 13.
- Send info to: manion.maria@gmail.com

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Rush River Cleanup

Fairmount Santrol will be hosting a Rush River Cleanup again this year, and we would love for you to join us. The date is Saturday, April 21. We will be meeting at the Ellsworth Rod & Gun Club (on Highway 72), as in years past. We will meet at 8:30am to sign up for locations along the river and then disperse from there. Lunch will be provided afterwards. It would be helpful to have an idea of how many people will be staying for lunch so that we can ensure we have enough food. Let me know if you would like to sign up to volunteer at this event.

lauren.evans@fairmountsantrol.com

— Lauren Evans

River Falls Dam

As you are probably now aware, the River Falls City Council approved a resolution on February 28th that supports a long-term vision of a free-flowing Kinnickinnic River. The resolution also approves the relicensing of the hydroelectric project for a final time while directing City staff to complete the necessary steps to remove the Powell dam and complete river restoration with a target date of 2026. Additionally staff should take steps to remove the Junction Falls dam and achieve river restoration some time between 2035 and 2040. This acknowledgment and commitment by the City of River Falls to remove a currently licensed hydroelectric facility is a big win for the Kinnickinnic River. So, what happens now? The City Utility will continue to operate the two hydroelectric dams on the Kinnickinnic River under an extension of the license until 2023.

Going forward, work by the City needs to operate on multiple fronts: dam relicensing; continuation of corridor planning by the Kinni Corridor Committee; and development of a Public-Private Partnership for funding of the dam removals. The Kinni Corridor Project Committee will begin the next phase of planning in April while the relicensing process will start up again in August when the City's Preliminary Application Document (PAD) will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Initial talks within the City on the Public-Private Partnership have begun but will not start in earnest until the completion of the corridor plan and dam re-licensing. — Gary Horvath



Little Falls Dam Replacement on the Willow River

Construction contracts for the Little Falls Dam replacement are out for bid on the State of Wisconsin's Department of Administration's website: [http://wisbuildnet.doa.state.wi.us/\(S\(f1gsae5ms41j0rm2o2au4yj0\)\)/public/bid_documents.aspx?projnum=16D11%20GPC](http://wisbuildnet.doa.state.wi.us/(S(f1gsae5ms41j0rm2o2au4yj0))/public/bid_documents.aspx?projnum=16D11%20GPC). You must be a registered contractor to view the specifications due to Homeland Security concerns. In general, the work consists of removing the existing concrete dam and constructing a new dam at the Little Falls Dam located in Willow River State Park on the Willow River, near Hudson Wisconsin. The removals include a concrete arch buttress, non-overflow section, a powerhouse, gated section, and an overflow spillway. The new dam consists of a non-overflow section, four crest gates, an intake tower with multiple slide gates to control downstream water temperatures, and a fixed-crest overflow spillway that has an ogee-shaped profile. A stilling basin will also be constructed downstream of the gated spillway. A grout curtain will extend across the dam and into the abutments. Park Superintendent, Aaron Mason stated, "The ability to manipulate where the water is being pulled from in the lake is built into the plan. This will allow fisheries and other Department staff to determine the best draw (temperature, oxygen levels, etc.) for the downstream fishery". An inspection and tour of the project site for contractors will be held at Little Falls Dam on March 21, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. — Gary Horvath

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

River Falls Fly Fishing Clinic

Sometime in the early '90's, the chapter started offering a *Fly Fishing for Trout* clinic in River Falls. We partnered with River Falls Parks and Recreation and they did a fantastic job marketing the event. They regularly recruited twenty or more students and we produced a great show, rain or shine (and there's been plenty of both). We took a brief hiatus a some years back to recharge the old batteries. Two years ago restarted this all-day fly fishing extravaganza.

This year's *Fly Fishing for Trout Clinic* will be held on June 2nd, from 1:00-9:00 PM. Our students will learn about the equipment and how to rig up, the aquatic invertebrates that trout eat, various imitations and how to fish them, and the fundamentals of wading safety and stream strategy. Plus...they'll get a whole bunch of casting instruction. But wait, there's more! We'll feed everybody supper, give 'em a brief but potent ecology lesson and then take our students fishing!

Parks and Recreation is again handling the marketing. We expect twenty or so students, but we also need a dozen or so volunteers. Back in the '90's we had almost as many volunteers as we had students. That's a good thing because it shows that the membership is actively engaged in the process. However, we can do the job with a dozen or so. You volunteers will spend time helping students with their casting, answering fishing questions, showing them imitations in your fly box, eating supper and then going fishing with them. It's a pretty low-key and fun day and I know that you'll have a good time.

From last year's mentor/volunteers we've already started to collect names of people who want to help again. But we still have openings and Uncle Mike wants YOU. Talk to me at the meetings, email me at mikealwin@gmail.com or call me at 651.739.3150. — Mike Alwin



Kiap's Sarah Sanford mentoring a new fly angler.

Editor's Note

For those who do not dabble in online communication—email, websites or the like—you may have wondered why you didn't receive your copy of RipRap last month. Well, a family emergency called me out of town on "newsletter weekend" as I call it, so very kind and capable others created a digital version of RipRap instead—an email with links to the info and articles posted on our website. If you didn't get the email, now is a good time to update your information. Special thanks to Ken Hanson and Tom Schnadt for leading the newsletter charge last month.

Flies, flies, flies. It's all about flies this month, which is appropriate considering that our next chapter meeting is the annual fly-tying meeting where members mix, mingle and gets tying tips from demonstrators. Even if you're an experienced fly tier, there's always something new to learn, and to teach. Often you'll see demonstrators leave their chairs to let another step in and show off their skills. It's also darn inspiring. I've left



Bob Trevis photo

many years with a renewed passion to tie. Tie more and tie more often. Which leads me to (1) a hearty thank you for one particular tier and (2) a request for all of us.

1. The tier? Paul Johnson is a tier extraordinaire and friend of the chapter who has generously donated countless flies which we use for clinics, youth education and fundraising efforts. Paul is a highly skilled and prolific tier, sometimes spoken of in hushed reverent tones. No exaggeration. Thank you, Paul, for your many contributions!

2. The request? The chapter needs flies. See the Fly Wrangler's request below.

Finally, the Kiap-TU-Wish board is gearing up to send out the 2018 Hap Lutter Memorial Spring Appeal letters. It's a nervous time, sending out a request for aid and waiting to see what returns. Last year was a strong

finish, and so we're hoping for the same (or better!) this year. See page 6 for more info about Hap and our spring appeal.

— Maria Manion

Fly Wrangler Needs Fly Donations

In spite of Paul Johnson's many fly contributions, we need help from our Kiap-TU-Wish members to fill out our chapter's fly inventory. We need flies for youth who attend the spring fly fishing clinic, as well as for reward assortments for those who contribute to the spring appeal for the first time, or at the \$125 level.

We are in need of trout flies tied in sizes 12, 14, or 16, both nymphs and dries. Smaller flies, although effective, might be difficult for youths and beginners to use. Your flies can be sent to the Kiap-TU-Wish mailbox, or they can be brought to the next two meetings and delivered to Bob Trevis, the current "Fly Wrangler." Thanks in advance!

— Bob "Fly Wrangler" Trevis

Youth Fishing Camp Scholarship

Young people who enjoy the outdoors can now apply for a \$250 scholarship to attend the Wisconsin TU Youth Camp. The dates are July 19-22, 2018. All lodging, meals and materials are included; the only cost to parents is transportation to and from Pine Lake Camp. The camp is located nine miles south of Waupaca, Wisconsin.

This annual camp helps kids develop the necessary skills for freshwater trout (and other species) fishing using conventional tackle and/or fly rods and reels. In addition to learning fishing skills there is also an emphasis on ethics, conservation, safety and sportsmanship. There will be opportunities for lake fishing and for one-on-one stream fishing with a TU volunteer guide.

To learn more about the program go to Kiap's website www.kiaptuwish.org and click on the Resources tab. Scroll down the page to Chapter Resources and you'll find the 2018 Youth Fishing Camp application. You can download the application or request one from any Kiap-TU-Wish board member.

Applications and a 300-word essay are due May 1st. Mail them to **Kiap-TU-Wish, P.O. Box 483, Hudson, WI 54016** or e-mailed to Kiaptuwish@hotmail.com. The committee will notify the selected camper by May 22nd. All applicants will receive a dozen flies for their submissions.

Westby Project Workshop

Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8, 2018
Living Waters Bible Camp, Westby WI

Join a host of informative speakers on ways to strengthen your TU or other conservation group and learn how to plan and carry out successful projects:

- Women & family-friendly projects/events
- Building successful regional conservation initiatives
- Finding the funding, organizing safe work days and stream days to show your project to the public
- Plan your own project—bring an idea and we'll help you develop your plan

PLUS: Fish on Driftless streams, tour a project and see effective non-game habitat, and enjoy a tasty dinner of "Soon-to-be-World-Famous" grilled chicken from the Rockton Tavern at the Viroqua American Legion.

For more information, contact TUDARE Outreach Coordinator Duke Welter (dwelter@tu.org; 715-579-7538) or Project Manager Jeff Hastings (jhastings@tu.org; 608-606-4158) or go to <http://darestoration.com/workshops>.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

• TUDARE Project Workshop

April 7-8, 2018

Westby, WI

• Amery Meeting

Monday, April 9, 2018

• Rush River Cleanup

April 21, 2018

• ECO Day: Rocky Branch Elementary

April 27, 2018

• Kinni River Cleanup

April 28, 2018

kinniriver.org/news-events/upcoming-events/

• Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Speakers: Heath Benike, WDNR Fisheries Supervisor & New Fish Biologist, WDNR

• Meyer Middle School Service Day

May 11, 2018

• River Falls Fly Fishing Clinic

June 2 2018



Horsefeathers, or a skewed look at fly tying materials

By Jonathan Jacobs

As we honor the memory of the inimitable, unique and redoubtable Dry Fly Dick Frantes with our annual April tribute to the art of fly tying, I'd like to talk a little about fly tying materials this month. For several years my friend John held a January event that he called the Lie n' Tie at Larry, "The Screaming Chicken's" workshop. At one of them there was a discussion of the Blue Winged Olive mayflies that would be hatching in a few months. I tied a low-floating dry fly and gave it to Bob, who was sufficiently impressed with it to post a photo of it to an internet board in a section called "Purists Paradise." One chap asked, rather churlishly, I thought, "Why so many synthetics?" The fly had a Zelon shuck tail, a polypropylene dubbed body and, most strikingly, a parachute post of pearl Krystal Flash. I had copied the pattern from a fly that my friend Kevin had found in a mega-retailer's closeout bin. It had been particularly effective on Montana's Big Horn River for Kevin, who found the glint from the Krystal Flash useful in keeping track of the fly against the glare on the vast expanses of the river's flats.

I'd found that true, but I also found that it was an all-around effective fly.

The question of the propriety of synthetic materials in fly tying is one of those "How many angels can dance on the head of a pin?" sorts of things that pop up in our sport and, frankly, it's one that doesn't much interest me. I would point out that some awfully traditional patterns, including many wet flies and the classic gold-ribbed hare's ear use wire or tinsel in their construction.

In general, synthetic materials are used because they do a great job of providing flash, extraordinary sheen, accenting or, in some cases durability. My friend Craig once pointed out that Sid Gordon, in his wonderful book *How to Fish from Top to Bottom*, noted the "quicksilver case" of trapped gas surrounding a submerged caddis and developed the "Swanson wet-dry fly" as an imitation. That fly was tied with white floss overwound with silver tinsel for a body and turkey feather segments tied in an arc from rear to front. It was undoubtedly an effective fly, but it had two serious shortcomings: The "quicksilver" was interior to the fly, not

surrounding it, and the turkey segments were fragile. Craig pointed out that Gary LaFontaine solved both problems when he developed his "sparkle pupa" series of patterns that used Antron, a synthetic carpet fiber from the Invista Company, to imitate the silver gas bubble. Antron is both tough as nails and has an unequalled translucent sheen.

There is today a plethora of synthetic materials that allow us to create flies from streamers almost too large to cast with any sort conventional fly gear to size 22 nymphs with a small plastic bubble lashed to the topside to imitate emergent wings (The latter a pattern developed by Colorado author Ed Engle). However, it's easy to see, given the long history of their use, their ready availability and the incredible variety of them, why we hold natural materials in such high esteem. To move the discussion along, we'll talk about only a very few of them.

I think the argument can be made that the most versatile, varied and indispensable natural material comes from the plumage of the common chicken. Dr. Tom Whiting notes that the "genetic plasticity" of the chicken allows

us, through selective breeding, to have feathers of nearly any color with fibers that are fine and stiff or soft and fluffy, long or short, wide or narrow – often all on the same bird! You might find

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chicken feathers on anything from the tiny nymphs to the foot-long streamers previously mentioned.

Other gallinaceous birds such as turkey, grouse, pheasants, peafowl and quail offer all kinds of useful plumage as well. Turkeys provide quills with a natural barring that can make them ideal for use in wing cases on nymphs or as wings on grasshopper imitations. Biots create realistic segmented abdomens on mayfly imitations when wound properly and T-base feathers are a wonderful material for parachute posts. However, the Mac Daddy of turkey plumage is marabou (In a way, it's a marabou substitute; a marabou is an African stork that was the original source of the fluffy feather). The soft, wispy barbs produce an undulating motion when underwater that provide the pizzazz for the woolly bugger and its infinite offshoots. As wonderful as the stuff is and considering what a wonderful job material suppliers generally do, I am appalled by the execrable quality of much packaged marabou. Often three-fourths of a pack will consist of nearly fully formed feathers rather than anything I would call marabou. The material packaged as "woolly bugger marabou" often comes closest to meeting my exacting standards.

Grouse and quail provide soft hackles indispensable in tying traditional soft hackles, as well as feathers for wing cases and nymph legs, too. Woodcock and snipe and other similar birds, while from a different lineage, also offer fine soft hackles. Datus Proper, in his *What the Trout Said*, suggested that one examine the feathers of any small bird that "expires within your reach." He wrote that one year he caught his best trout on "the yellow feather of an Irish goldfinch" and the he "should like to get his hands on an American robin."

Peacock feathers have an iridescence that may outdo any synthetic. I put that

quality to use in my favorite stonefly nymph, a pattern that also passes the "purist's" test on natural materials. The fly uses only peacock herl to form the body, pheasant tail fibers to form the

tail and wing case, and wound saddle hackle to represent legs.

One quick story about famed fly designer Jack Gartside speaks volumes about the value of pheasant feathers. Gartside, who opted for life as a fishing bum and worked just enough to support his passion, spent a summer camped at Baker's Hole on the Madison River. The story goes that, when nearly broke, he went to a fly shop in West Yellowstone with the intent to get absolutely the most bang for his buck. His first purchase was an entire pheasant skin. He used that skin to tie many traditional patterns, but out of it also came the Gartside Sparrow Nymph, which uses pheasant marabou in the tail, a rump feather as a soft hackle and aftershaft feathers to form sort of a soft muddler head.

Waterfowl provide much useful plumage, too – some wood duck feathers

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are nicely barred and the barbs from them create realistic wings and tails on mayflies, for example, and goose quill segments have been used for decades in both dry and wet fly winging. Perhaps the "hottest" fly tying item from a duck in the last few decades is the cul de canard (CDC) feather, a fancy French term meaning "bottom of the duck." These feathers, gathered from the area around the duck's preen gland, are said to have remarkable properties because they are naturally saturated with a waterproof oil. That may be, but the barbs are also of a unique construction that both traps air and provided a unique texture. There are two types of CDC feathers. The first ones commonly available were fluffy, but still more fully formed than "oiler puffs," which are, as the name

implies, little but fuzz. Both have their uses. The more fully formed feathers make a terrific winging material for both mayfly and caddis imitations and the puffs form realistic wings on emerger patterns.

Mammals provide us fly tying materials, too, of course. It's another list that can go on forever, from porcupine quills to calf tails, but for our purposes we will restrict the discussion to the hair found on the hides of members of the deer family. Even a list restricted to the many types of hair available can go on ad infinitum. Look in any catalog and you may be overwhelmed by the choices of whitetail, blacktail, mule deer, moose and elk available. You can then subdivide that list into rump, mask, belly, hock and so on before subdividing it again by the season in which the animal was harvested, its sex and even its age. It's all a little overwhelming. Dave Whitlock, Chris Helm and Kelly Galloup all provide good online advice on selecting and working with deer hair. As with any natural material, quality varies widely and it's best, both for you and the local fly shop if you seek the merchant's guidance in your selection.

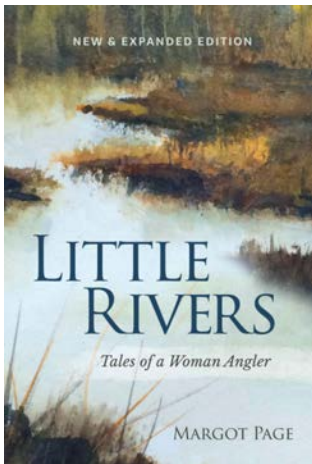
Last, but certainly not least in the discussion is bucktail, the tail of the common midwestern whitetail deer. In natural white and tan and in dyed colors that traverse the spectrum, this material

has been incorporated into streamer patterns since, perhaps, the dawn of man. Lure builders have been enamored with this hair forever, too, which speaks to its "fishiness." A self-styled muskellunge guru from Wisconsin points out in a fly tying video that deer live their lives outdoors in tough weather conditions and you can expect that their hair is as tough, resilient and durable as the animal itself. That's true, and when you think about it, it's also true for all the other critters we've talked about here.

Now, tie some flies, get out there, catch some fish, remember Dick and honor his memory by doing what you can to preserve and better our environment. 🐾

Book Review I *By Suzanne Constantini* **Little Rivers: Tales of a Woman Angler**

Three Winds Media; 2 edition, 2015



Margot Page's book *Little Rivers* is a compilation of 12 essays written over a ten year period, that journals, in wonderful lyrical prose, some of Margot Page's life experiences. As the granddaughter of Alfred W. Miller, AKA Sparse Grey Hackle, she was instilled with the importance of writing the real story as she saw it and felt it. In her own words, *Little Rivers* is about "a daughter coming of age after the death of her mother...a woman becoming a mother herself and going on to confront the mountains most of us face as we grow up, and the passage of time, illness and mortality. These are the currents that interest me. And when I sit down to write, these events are inseparable from my time on the water."

Of the twelve essays, two in particular intrigued me. In 'Water, Light, Words', she describes how fishing and writing are intertwined and how she endeavors to "leave the water with impressions, not data." She captures her surroundings and writes beautifully as she describes "a patient parade of cows backlit by the sun... the light on the water...twinkling prisms...for an instant the world is timeless. The feel and sound of rushing water...the pulsing, a mind-filling symphony of a healthy clear stream in which wild things live." Her words flow effortlessly from hand to paper, through the ever present note pad and pencil she always carries in her fly vest.

In 'Women Astream' she describes how fly fishing, historically a male dominated sport, is fast evolving into a more gender balanced environment. She encourages women to strike out on their own and learn through their experiences on the water. And as she has done, redefine for themselves what they need and want out of this wonderful sport of fly fishing.

Judy Lutter photo



If you would like to learn more about Hap Lutter and the Spring Appeal, please visit our web site: www.kiaptuwish.org. Click on any of the pages - OUR CHAPTER, NEWS, CONSERVE & PROTECT, OUR RIVERS, RESOURCES - to find this link.



Hap Lutter Memorial Spring Appeal

Hap Lutter was a Kiap-TU-Wish member (and chapter treasurer) who passed away in 2009. The Kiap-TU-Wish Spring Appeal is part of his legacy.

Hap recognized the need for a funding source beyond our annual Holiday Conservation Banquet to supply the dollars needed to reach beyond sometimes limited grant funds. Hap launched the initial Spring Appeal because annual dues go to TU National, but little of that money ever comes back to the chapter to benefit the waters we love to fish.

If you fish the trout streams of western Wisconsin or have another interest in keeping these waters healthy and productive for generations to come, we hope that you will consider making a generous donation to this year's Spring Appeal. Money raised will go directly toward funding current and future habitat work on the Trimbelle and Kinnickinnic rivers, as well as restorations still in the planning stages. Monies will also help support Kiap's stream monitoring efforts, education efforts and operating costs. Last year the Spring Appeal raised over \$11,000 from generous donors.

2018 plans to be an even more active year for the chapter. We need your financial support in order to continue our habitat and education work and to ensure the longtime health and care of our coldwater streams.

Watch for the Spring Appeal envelope in your mailbox. Please support your passion, and Hap's legacy, with a contribution. Whether a check, an employee match, or a stock gift, your support will be greatly appreciated. And don't forget, your contribution is tax deductible!

Thank you for sharing Hap's vision by supporting Western Wisconsin's coldwater fisheries!

To make a donation more tempting, we are offering first-time donors a half-dozen nymphs, tested and proven to work on the Rush and Kinni. If you contribute \$125 or more, a half-dozen specially-tied dry flies will come your way.

TIC Update . . .

All four classrooms have rapidly growing fish. Greenwood Elementary had a spike in nitrate levels that caused the loss of some fish, but other than that it has been smooth sailing. All the kids have been enjoying their new "classmates."

Be on the lookout for emails detailing volunteer opportunities for Bugs in the Classroom and trout releases into the Willow River. Bugs in the Classroom will be late April/early May and the trout releases will be late May.

. . . & More

We also have some new volunteer opportunities this year. On April 27th Kiap is going to participate in Rocky Branch Elementary School's Eco Day. The chapter is going to display its stream restoration diorama and offer a beginners fishing seminar. We're working with Jeremy Carlson at Meyer Middle School in River Falls on their May 11th Service Day. Chapter member Dan Wilcox and Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife biologist, Caitlin Smith, are sourcing pollinator seeds to plant on one of the chapter's recently completed projects.

— Greg Olson & Tom Schnadt

FLY TIER'S CORNER: B Smo's X-Leg Mini Leech

Recipe & Photo: Brian Smolinski



Hook: Daiichi 1560 – Size 12
Thread: Uni 6/0 136D – Black
Head: 1/8" Brass Bead – Black Nickel
Weight: .025" Lead Wire

Tail: Micro Pine Squirrel Zonker – Black
Body: UV Ice Dub – Black
Legs: Small Round Rubber Legs – Black

- 1 – With the bead on the hook, put 10-12 wraps of lead wire on the shank and push into the cavity of the bead. The end of the lead wraps should align, roughly, with the barb of the hook.
- 2 – Start the thread behind the lead wraps to keep the lead wraps tight against the bead.
- 3 – Take a piece of the Micro Pine Squirrel Zonker strip that's about twice the length of the hook shank. Align the middle of the strip at the end of the lead wraps and tie in.
- 4 – Bring the thread in front of the tie in point on the Zonker strip and dub forward all the way to the bead.
- 5 – Make one wide wrap about a 1/16" or and 1/8" back away from the bead.
- 6 – On both sides of the hook shank, tie in a piece of round rubber at its midpoint. Then apply a small amount of dubbing to the thread and make another wrap over the tie in point of the rubber legs.
- 7 – Wrap forward again also with a small amount of dubbing on your thread just to cover up your thread wraps and tie off the end of the Zonker strip right behind the bead.
- 8 – I like to whip finish on top of the bead and suck my thread in behind it, keeping the thread wraps and knot hidden behind the bead.



Josh from the shop was out testing these flies in various colors. The fly in the recipe photo landed a 22.5" Kinnickinnic Brown Trout!

Questions? Stop in at Lund's Fly Shop or email Brian at brian@lundsflyshop.com

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April 4th Chapter Meeting = Fly Tying

Started to honor the memory of chapter member "Dry Fly" Dick Frantes, Kiap-TU-Wish dedicates each April chapter meeting to the art of fly tying. Please join us this year when a crew of St. Paul Fly Tiers will demonstrate their talents for tying flies of all sorts to catch fish of all kinds — trout, muskie, you name it. Join us!

Dinner starts at 6pm (your dime).
The meeting starts at 7pm.