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Streamline



**Dave Whitlock Chapter of Trout Unlimited &
Tulsa Fly Fishers an Affiliate Club of Fly Fishers International**



Event Calendar

March 12th - Annual Fly-Tying event at Green Country Fly Company in Owasso

March 21st - Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

DIFFERENT MEETING LOCATION - THIS MEETING ONLY!

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A Message from Your President



Russell Vaughn

Hello {FIRST_NAME|TU/TFFer's}

Spring is just around the corner here in Oklahoma, and with it comes that familiar itch we all know too well. It's the one that pulls us toward clear water, rising fish, and the quiet rhythm of a fly line cutting through the air. As I write this, the first hints of warmer days are teasing us, and our local tailwaters and streams are starting to wake up after winter. It's the perfect time to reflect on why we're part of this great organization and to look ahead to the fishing and conservation opportunities 2026 has in store.

Looking at March and beyond, our chapter has an exciting lineup of guest speakers and chances for you to connect at one of our outings. Check out the calendar on our website (tu420.com) or announcements in the Facebook group.

For those of you attending the Sow Bug Roundup, plan to come a day early for the unveiling of the Dave Whitlock Mural by Duane Hada on March 26th.

If you're reading this and haven't renewed your TU membership for 2026, now's the time- your support keeps our chapter active and our voice strong. And if you're new to the area or just getting into fly

Tie One On

It only comes around once a year and you don't have to wait until your birthday or the month of December. That's right, we are talking about our Annual Fly Tying Night.

Never fear, this is a time of our non-judgmental experts to let you tackle the unknown. Yes, you can tie worthless bits of yarn, feathers, wire, foam, and animal hair onto a hook. When you're done, you will have to restrain yourself from biting on your own creation. How could a fish refuse this?



Green Country Fly Company will be supplying fly tying benches for those who are without any equipment. Several of our members will be bringing their own benches and they will show you and let you tie their favorite fly. The least you will come out of this experience is a few new free flies for your fly boxes.

Please note our meeting location for our March General Meeting: Green Country Fly Company.

Here is the Google Map Link: [Green Country Fly Company](#)

See you there!

Date: Thursday, March 12th

fishing, reach out.

As Dave often signed off in his own writings, "Yours for fly fishing and friendship." Let's make this spring one to remember – on the water, near the streamside, and together as a chapter.

Tight lines and see you soon,

Russell Vaughn

President

420 Dave Whitlock Chapter/Tulsa Fly Fishers

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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Spring Trout In the Classroom Update:

As I write this, nearly all of our TIC schools are preparing for the finale of their year. A field trip to the Lower Illinois River to release the trout they have been raising from eggs.

It's an exciting time. Today, however, I must report first, that several tanks did not make it through the Christmas season. Water quality is important to the survival of the trout and without daily attention tragedies do happen. Two schools lost all their trout; teachers and students alike cry about the losses. However, it's a learning experience. A couple other schools report only 10 to 30 remaining survivors. (To be blunt, we all know that even the trout that do survive through it all will most likely not survive once released to the wilds of the LIR. But that's our secret. It's the circle of life. Even in the wild, when a female trout has her 3,000 to 5,000 eggs only 2 to 3 will survive to propagate the species.)

Now, with what's next ... the releases and field trips. Below I will post all the dates of the coming releases. All who read this are welcome to attend and witness the joy the students have when they bend to release a trout to the river and watch it swim away free, free at last. Here's what occurs: my volunteers arrive at the Watts WMU near and around 9:30 am to prepare for the arrival of the bus or busses. (Sometimes 15 students and sometimes over 100.) We escort the fingerlings down to the river and one at a time the trout are released. After

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Green Country Fly Company, Owasso

420 Dave Whitlock of Trout Unlimited and Tulsa Fly Fishers will meet this month only at the Green Country Fly Company, 314 E 5th Ave, Suite 102, Owasso, OK 74055.

Arrive at 6 PM to pick up your free door prize tickets and purchase raffle tickets. Meeting starts at 6:30 PM.

March Outing

CLEANUP!

EAT!

FISH!

Come join us for our March outing as we give back to our Homewater with a clean-up event at the Lower Illinois River on Saturday, March 28th.

Ahead of what looks to be a great Spring with many opportunities to get on the water, there's always plenty of trash to be picked up. We'll collect trash for several hours in the morning, enjoy a freshly grilled lunch at 11:30 and spend the afternoon fishing.

For this event we'll meet at the upper parking lot of the Powerhouse, below the dam at 9AM.

We'll provide trash bags and disposal gloves and spread out to comb the riverbanks, runoff area, and parking lots for litter.

At 11AM, we'll break and head to Watts for a group photo and lunch. Sometimes lunch is the best part! (Nothing quite like a river side lunch)

Lunch will be served at 11:30 in the Watts Area parking lot.

See you there!

Learn To Fly-Fish Oklahoma

Attention Please:

all are set free, I give a quick speech about the Watts WMU and encourage those interested to come back some day to fish.



Then, we load back to the buses and travel up to the lower parking lot where volunteers are waiting to show hands on fly casting, fly tying, and a nature walk as we journey into the river to net invertebrates for the students to observe. It's a fun couple of hours. Usually by 1pm the buses are loaded and the student and teacher head back to school. (Some of us will stay to fish.)

Here is the list of schedule dates: **Trout In the Classroom Field Trips Scheduled:**

Sapulpa Middle School... Tuesday, March 3rd

Jenks Freshman Academy... Thursday, March 5th

Tulsa Met High School... Tuesday, March 10th

Sands Springs Page Academy... Thursday, March 12th

Webbers Falls High School... Tuesday, March 24th

Undercroft Montessori... Tuesday, March 31st

Keifer High School... Thursday, April 2nd

Collinsville High School... Friday, April 3rd

Beggs High School... Thursday, April 9th

If you are looking for the opportunity to learn more about fly fishing, hands on ... or if you know someone that wants to learn to fly fish and you don't want to be the teacher here's your chance to avoid the issues that can take place between instructor and student.

Participants can discover the joy of connecting with nature at the only 5-hour indoor fly-fishing clinic of its kind in the area. This hands-on class teaches the when, where, and how of catching Oklahoma game fish with a fly rod—an experience perfect for families or anyone looking to spend meaningful time outdoors. Learn essential skills including equipment basics, terminology, casting techniques, knot tying, and more. No equipment required—just bring your sense of adventure and a readiness to explore Oklahoma's natural beauty together.

The clinic will be held Saturday, March 21st from 9am to 2pm at the Jenks High School Aquatics center. It's at first, a classroom setting, then a break out occurs where participants will move from station to station for knot tying, fly tying demonstrations and fly casting, most importantly, hands on and done on WATER.



The cost is \$60 and all proceeds go to DWTU420 for use on the various programs offered by DWTU like the Trout In the Classroom program.

You can click this link that will take you directly to the sign-up form for the clinic.

[Jenks Community Center](#)

Broken Arrow High School...Tuesday, April 28th

Union High School... Thursday, April 30th

Kellyville Elementary... Monday, May 11th

Bixby High School... NO Date Yet

Felix Menendez Canceled trip

Bixby and Felix are the 2 schools that had issues over the Christmas holiday.

Scott Hood

Youth and Adult Education Coordinator

Dave Whitlock Chapter #420 Trout Unlimited

LIR Safety Tips

Carry This Email With You

Gore Police Department: [918-489-5963](tel:918-489-5963) or 911

Local Game Wardens – [918-431-2550](tel:918-431-2550) or [918-431-2544](tel:918-431-2544)

(to report fishing/hunting violations)

Gore response time is approximately 5 minutes.

If cardiac, call for help, start hands only CPR, pushing downward 2 inches on center of chest to the beat of “Staying Alive” by the Bee Gee’s. If possible, please note time when CPR is initiated. Landmarks to assist emergency response: The Dam, Lower parking lot, Watts, and MarVal’s. Also, let them know which side of the river you’re on. Accurate information will allow for quicker response time.

If it is a swift water rescue, call 911, or Gore Police Dept, and they will respond in addition to Sequoyah County team.

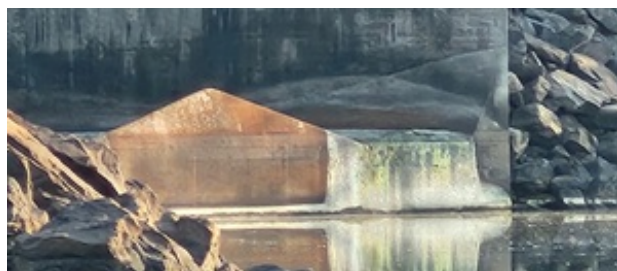
If a medical transfer is needed, they will LifeFlight from the baseball field in Gore to either Muskogee or Sallisaw hospital.

Always a good idea to carry baby aspirin and Benadryl in your fishing gear. Also, a first aid kit in

NO FLOW!

Things To Know About the Current Situation On the Lower Illinois River

Today, I spoke with the liaison for the ODWC (Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation) to the USACE (US Army Corp of Engineers) and SWPA(Southwestern Power) regarding the ZERO water release status on the river.



Sluice Gate at Tenkiller Dam-Zero Flow

Here’s what I know. 1.) The ODWC still holds, on loan, 9,000-acre feet of water in Lake Tenkiller. 2.) When water from either the low flow pipe or the sluice gate begins to flow again the ODWC will have 100% of the 9,000-acre feet to use going forward. 3.) The emergency gates on the sluice gate are currently closed in an effort to repair the leaking sluice gate. 4.) The low flow pipe is out of service due to some malfunction, perhaps a rusted valve. (Oddly, the low flow pipe has never worked properly, even after the \$750,000 project was completed.)

There would be and should be 1,000 questions about all this. Some are: A.) Why didn’t USACE fix both the low flow or the sluice gates while the generators were also out of service ... when the water is cold and fish can survive? B.) How can USACE decide to completely shut off all water to a flowing river with no regard for the damage to the ecosystem this would cause? (Bug life, left to die on dry banks, by the billions.)

It would be my opinion and the first thing we will hear is. 1.) There is no budget to handle those repairs to the low flow pipe. 2.) Fixing the sluice gate valve was a priority because of the volume of water escaping 24/7.

What we should perhaps all be demanding ... FIX THE PROBLEMS AND FIX THEM NOW. RIVERS

your vehicle shows that you think ahead.

Let's help keep our fellow angler's safe.

Life saving instructions courtesy
Nurse **Binnie Jones**.

Etc

Scribblers Unite!

"As a streak of daylight crests the horizon, the lonesome cry of the jackalope breaks the silence of the fisherman wading surreptitiously into the river. Quickly, he casts his homemade fly(designed to imitate the mating dance of the crusted zwieback) into the awaiting riffle."

Our readers are a dedicated bunch of anglers, and they don't want to read about how you came to love fishing despite the relentless beatings you endured each time your father caught you with his fly rod. Your stories must start with a bang. You must cut right to the chase, so to speak.

Please forward your completed works in **Word format** and don't forget your **pictures** (JPEG) to: [Bruce Brewer](mailto:rbbrewer1@live.com), rbbrewer1@live.com

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WERE DESIGNED BY THE CREATOR TO FLOW. AT ALL TIMES, SOME PERCENTAGE OF WHAT WATER FLOWS INTO LAKE TENKILLER, SHOULD ALSO PASS THROUGH. ALWAYS AND NOT ON THE CLOCK.

Again, what I know and what I feel, you may know more and feel differently than I.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Scott Hood

Life Member of Trout Unlimited

Board Member of Dave Whitlock Chapter

#420 of Trout Unlimited

P.S. Editor Note: Now is time for you to call your local Congress person and plead with them to look into the drying up of the Lower Illinois River. Do it today. It will only take a moment to call their local office.

March Raffle Prize



Donated by the Green Country Fly Company are a Hoodie and a white bass box.

Estimated value: \$80.

Winner will be able to choose their size at the meeting.

Tickets are \$1 With price break beginning with 6 tickets for \$5.

Please remember to bring your cash.

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After the drawing, you may enter your losing tickets into our Annual Prize drawing that will be held in November.

Mark Your Calendar For These Coming Events

April 9th - General Meeting at Sheels

May 14th - General Meeting at Sheels

May 24th - Start of the 15X15 Tournament

September 7th - End of 15X15 Tournament

September 10th - General Meeting at Sheels, Tournament winners announced

October 8th - General Meeting at Sheels

November 12th - General meeting at Sheels

December 10th - Holiday Party at McNellies Pub in South Tulsa (Save the date)

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