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LOOP CREEK "S.O.S." SAVE OUR STREAMS LARRY ORR

which is an increase from previous surveys. We still think this may be from road work associated with the Frasure Creek Mine that has caused increased turbidity in Loop Creek and also stream crossings for the pipeline installations related to the new wastewater treatment plant.

Next Chapter Meeting
May 8th 7:00 PM
South Charleston Library
Next Board meeting
May 22th 6:30 PM
South Charleston Library



GATHERING BUGS

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The fifth WV DEP Volunteer Save Our Streams (SOS) survey for Loop Creek was conducted by KVCTU on Saturday, April 14. Nine KVCTU members were present along with two Southern Appalachian Labor School representatives accompanying four children.

The day was cloudy with occasional light rain. The stream flow was 7 cubic feet per second and this is low for April. The bug count was 743 with 15 total taxa (aquatic organism types) resulting in a marginal stream index of 54. This stream index is lower than previous surveys and is probably related to the large number of very small non-biting midges that we found. There was a noted increase in the amount of algae present. This algae increase may be from increased nutrients which the new waste water treatment plant would not remove.

The Riffle Index was 4.27 with an integrity scale of 93.5. The sand count from the Pebble Count was 17

The lower stream index and higher sand count could reflect an impact from the mining activities and the waste water treatment plant, but additional surveys will be needed to see if the trends continue. People fishing Loop Creek are encouraged to have a camera and record any evidence of stream discoloration from tributaries, such as Taylor Branch or Open Fork.

The data from this survey has been entered into the volunteer data base. This data base can be viewed at <https://apps.dep.wv.gov/dwwm/wvsos/vad/login.cfm>.



SORTING BUGS



ELKHORN CREEK CLEANUP 2012

ERNIE NESTER



day night for the cleanup volunteers. On Saturday three Walmart employees (Earl Burnett, Tanya Castle, and Michael Harrison) from the Princeton store helped with the cleanup efforts in the Ashland region. We are hoping that next year there will be even more volunteers from Walmart.

I was worried about the weather because they were calling for thunderstorms Friday night and Saturday. We got lucky because serious rain did not start until noon on Saturday when most of the cleanup

The next survey will be conducted on Sept. 29, 2012.

Many good citizens gathered at Elkhorn and Ashland for the Elkhorn Creek Watershed Association cleanup on April 21, 2012. There were at least 56 people involved in the cleanup efforts including area residents, Trout Unlimited volunteers, County officials, State officials and Walmart employees. I have not included in the count the Mayor of Northfork and his 3 helpers and two or three families that Becky got involved in Elkhorn. Organizations represented in the cleanup efforts included the Elkhorn Creek Watershed Association, the McDowell County Solid Waste Authority, WVDNR, WVDEP, and several Trout Unlimited chapters. Most of the volunteers came from West Virginia, but there were also volunteers from Virginia, Maryland, Indiana, and Ohio.

We were delighted to have participation from the Walmart Store in Princeton. Michael Harrison, Shift Manager, brought food to the Ashland Scenic Campground Fri-

work was completed. The Tug at Welch was running about 245 cfs, which was only a little above the ideal flow for working in the streams,

Ernie Nester, assisted by Max Robertson, tried to keep the volunteers organized in Elkhorn. The volunteers cleaned the trash from Elkhorn Creek from the site of the twin RR bridges above the upper house in Elkhorn down to below the lower house in Elkhorn which is about 1.1 miles of stream.





ELKHORN CLEAN-UP CREW 2012

Jim Mullens led a crew who cleaned up the trash where the spring goes under Rt. 52 in upper Maybeury and a section of Elkhorn Creek near the spring. Chris Mullens led the crew who cleaned a large collection of trash from the Power House Road (Switchback) section where fallen trees had collected large piles of junk.

Sam Stalnaker, with help from Wendell Hatfield, hauled the collected trash from Power House Road and from the Maybeury area. Rodney Hairston and helper Clyde Rucker hauled trash in Elkhorn. Also, Becky Barker helped her new husband, Hurley Quesenberry, haul trash in Elkhorn.

Jack Williams, assisted by Bubba Holt, led the group that gathered at the Ashland Company Store to work on the North Fork of Elkhorn Creek. They cleaned the entire stream in Ashland, most of the stream from Ashland to McDowell, and the entire stream in McDowell. They also cleaned most of the stream in Crumpler. Jermy Yahya and Gary (Buckheat) Holt hauled the trash to the dumpsters.

Funds for lunch were provided by the Walmart Foundation through the Kimball Store, the Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, and the West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited. The Ashland Company Store is closed, but they opened up the community meeting room where lunch was served for the volunteers. The excellent lunch was prepared by the "Taste of Memphis" in Princeton.

JEFF NELSEN, MIKE MERRIFIELD, RANDY ASH



EMERGER PATTERNS—SIMPLE!

REPRINTED FROM THE MAY 2000 TROUT LINES
BY LARRY ORR

Three emerger patterns that are my favorites were listed in Ernie Nester's article on Favorite Trout Flies in the April 2000 issue of Trout Lines. These emerger patterns all use the same basic tying technique. Charlie Nichols taught me how to tie this basic emerger pattern during one of our many outings on the upper Elk River. Charlie actually got the pattern from Sam Knotts who is a guide on streams in that area of the state. Sam tied a larger version with more dense use of material. Charlie streamlined the pattern and lightened up on the use of material. We were having tremendous success last year on a size 14 Sulphur emerger tied ala Charlie on the Elk River one late evening in June. Sam was on the other side of the river and was having no success. When we finally got together on Sam's side of the river, Sam asked us what we were using. We told him that we were using his pattern and he was surprised, since that was what he was using. When we compared the tying techniques, we decided that Charlie's streamlined version would let the emerger pattern lie lower in the water and that was the key to success. Whatever the key to success, I have used this basic technique for tying flies to imitate a number of emergers and have had good luck with them.

I am listing three different emergers and the materials used for each. The emergers are the Sulphur, Gray Fox and little Blue Winged Olive. The

recipes are listed in the table below:

The accompanying photo shows the three patterns. Since there are no unusual tying techniques required, I will not go in to a step-by-step explanation of the patterns. The Antron yarn tied in similar to a tail represents the "trailing shuck " that the emerger is attempting to shed so that it can fly. The gold thread used for ribbing can be purchased from a fabric store. The colors can be varied to match any of the may-fly emergers.

I have had good success with these patterns in



SULPHUR



GRAY FOX

the last year. Ernie Nester and I used the Little Blue Winged Olive on one of our favorite southern West Virginia trout streams this past winter to solve the mystery of

fish that always seem to always be rising but never would take any of our previous offerings.

Give it a try!
Good Luck!



LITTLE BLUE WING
OLIVE

	Sulphur	Gray Fox	Little Blue Winged Olive
Hook	14-16 Standard Dry Fly	14-16 Standard Dry Fly	22 Standard Dry Fly
Thread	8/0 yellow	8/0 black	8/0 gray
Trailing Shuck	Brown Antron yarn	Black Antron yarn	Brown Antron yarn
Ribbing	Gold Thread	Gold Thread	None
Body	Fine Sulphur yellow dubbing	Fine Light Cahill dubbing	Fine Blue Winged Olive dubbing
Wing	Deer Hair	Deer Hair	White or Gray CDC



KVCTU STOCKING SCHEDULE AND EVENTS

- ◆ May 18th, Friday, 10:00AM Cranberry River, Woodbine Parking Area. Coordinator: Dave Hansford, dhansford@suddenlink.net
- ◆ May 18-20th, WVCTU Fly Fishing School, Thornwood
- ◆ May 19th, WVCTU Spring Council Meeting, Thornwood
- ◆ June 2, Glade Creek of New River C&R, Coordinator: Jason McDaniel jasonm@beckleypd.com
- ◆ June 9th, Middle Fork of Williams Bucket Brigade, Coordinator: Ernie Nester, eenester@suddenlink.net
- ◆ June 13-14th, Eastern Brook Trout Venture meeting, Frostburg State University
- ◆ June 23rd, Fayette County stocking. Midland Trail High School 9:30AM Coordinator: Ernie Nester
- ◆ July 21st, Braxton/Clay Stocking, Birch River Fire Dept. 9:30AM Coordinator: Matt Spangler, 304-541-3205
- ◆ August 11th, Dunloup Creek Stocking, Glen Jean Bank 10:00AM Coordinator: Jeff Shafer, 304-776-0009
- ◆ August 25th, Loop Creek Stocking, 10:00AM Cemetery, Rte. 61, Coordinator: Tom Moody, scpeebod@yahoo.com
- ◆ September 8th, Blue Creek Stocking, 9:30AM, Cedar Grove Go-Mart, Coordinator: Don Lyons, 304-595-1244
- ◆ September 29th, Loop Creek S.O.S, Coordinator: Larry Orr, edhorse@suddenlink.net
- ◆ Piney Creek Stocking, date TBD, 9:00am, Quinnamont Rail Yard, Coordinator: Jason McDaniel

Projected 2012 fingerling total:

KVCTU FUNDRAISING EVENT AT THE MAY CHAPTER MEETING

GREEN POLO SHIRTS \$27.50

TAN BASEBALL STYLE HAT \$17.00

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63,450

The Richwood Chamber of Commerce is seeking someone with a self contained travel trailer or mobile home who is willing to "get away from it all" for at least a month



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