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A few thoughts from
 the president
Laurie Seibert



Laurie Seibert, chapter president

I need your help again. This time it's with my Christmas shopping. My March and April were filled with clicking "add to cart." Often. We now own a tortilla maker, a light bulb guaranteed to display vibrant natural hues, and little clay balls that dissolve in your hand so you can rub them on your face—giving you that much-needed youthful look for the best video calls. As of this writing, because my Amazon Smile cart is linked to a charity, I have helped Trout Unlimited 92 times (don't judge; it's for the environment).

All this rampant buying has left me with a problem. What in the world could my loved ones possibly need from me for Christmas? Certainly not more stuff.

I'm asking advice on how to focus more on true giving for this holiday—things that don't come in a box with a smile logo. Who better to help me than the most generous, thoughtful, and meaningful people I know—Trout Unlimited members.

You have the right idea all year long. Find something of value, then find a way to support it. Giving to TU in someone's name is top on my list. Eighty seven cents of each dollar goes towards conservation. And, it's easy to do. Just go to TU.org, and they will walk you right through it.

I know our members support many more organizations than Trout Unlimited, and I'd like to hear about them. The local as well as national. I want your ideas. So, please take a minute to go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/mershon.tu>) and post where you donate to make a difference. If you don't have a Facebook account, email your ideas to wbmershontu@gmail.com and we'll post them for you. We're not endorsing one organization over another. We're just working together to make our world better . . . and avoid having to wrap any presents.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the Advisors of the Mershon-Neumann Heritage Chapter of Trout Unlimited, I am wishing all of you and your families health, safety, and happiness this holiday season. ◆



2021 Annual Meeting Update

Each Martin Luther King Day, our chapter gathers for a great meal, interesting speakers, and to vote on business and new directors. This year, we will not be able to hold the meeting in person, but we are currently working on ways to conduct the business portion of the meeting virtually. Your participation is still important. We are filling many

director positions as well as voting to update our bylaws.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through the logistics of this unusual situation. We will update you by mail, email, and Facebook once we have the details worked out. ♦

Mershon-Neumann Heritage Chapter Director Position Available

by Howard N. Johnson, chapter director

The Mershon-Neumann Heritage Chapter of Trout Unlimited is seeking chapter members who are interested in serving as Chapter Directors.

A Chapter Director is responsible for the general supervision of the chapter's affairs. A Director's duty is to attend monthly meetings from September to May of each year, providing direction and guidance with chapter activities. A Director's term of office is three years.

If you would like to learn more about this important position within the chapter, please contact Howard N. Johnson or any chapter officer or director. We will be voting to fill positions during the winter 2021. A director nominee may be nominated from the membership itself at the annual meeting.

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Mershon-Neumann Heritage Fund Report

by David Oeming, chapter advisor

The Neumann-Mershon Heritage Fund (the "Fund") was established in June, 2019, to accept charitable donations and recommend distributions of income from the N-M Fund. The primary purpose for each approved distribution requires:

"All applicants and recipients of distributions from the Fund must demonstrate the primary purpose for such request shall be support of cold water trout fisheries and watersheds in Michigan, including but not limited to habitat improvement, access to trout

fisheries, promotion and support of youth interested in such fisheries, educational endeavors, and participation in similar projects by other organizations."

Initial donors to the Fund are recognized in the Neumann-Mershon Heritage Fund records as "Founders" of the Fund. Their generous donations have met and exceeded initial aspirations, and the Fund is well on its way to making distributions for the stated purposes.

Current tax regulations may allow favorable income tax treatment of donations to the Fund for income tax and qualified plan (401(k), 403(b), IRA's, etc.) distribution purposes. Under the federal CARES Act, individuals can make deductible charitable contributions up to \$300 in 2020, even if they don't itemize. Secondly, if N-M Chapter members (or anyone) wants to make a

contribution to the Saginaw Community Foundation to qualify for the Cornerstone Club or otherwise, they can do so and simply direct the contribution to go to the N-M Fund.

The Committee of Advisors to the Fund request that all members of the Mershon-Neumann Heritage Chapter of Trout Unlimited and other supporters of coldwater trout fisheries in Michigan consider a donation to the Fund, to be maintained and distributed for the purpose stated above.

For further information, you may contact officers of the Fund: Robb Smith, 989.233.1922; Don Albrecht, 989.245.5819; or the treasurer of the Mershon-Neumann Heritage Chapter, David Case, 989.793.9700. Thanks for your consideration and support, especially welcome in these Covid times. ♦

A Rod of Your Own: The Perfect Winter Project

by Jim Lewis, chapter advisor

Several years ago at this time, I suggested you think about building a fly rod over the winter. It's a good indoor project that lets you dream of next spring's trout fishing and feel productive at the same time. I'm resurrecting that idea as we begin a winter that will be like no other we have ever experienced. Not only will we be dealing with COVID-19 and the isolation it calls for, but Mark Torregrossa suggests the current development of La Nina is likely to produce a wetter winter than usual for Lower Michigan—more snow to shovel and keep us inside. So, why not build that rod you'll need next summer for those North Branch brookies?

Thanks to the internet's vast array of websites and information, selecting a rod kit or blank and components will provide an adventure in and of itself. Some sites that come to mind are Jann's Netcraft, Mud Hole, Angler's Workshop, and Custom Fly Rod Crafters. If you Google "fly rod blanks" or "fly rod kits," you'll find a good number of additional sites as well. And, YouTube will provide all the "how-to" videos you want to watch offering some good and some not-so-good advice on just how you go about building your rod.

Equipment and space are no problem either. Two inverted T's (like

bookends) with notches in the top built from scrap lumber will work just fine for the rests; you'll need to support the rod sections while you wrap the guides. You can build your own or buy them from various suppliers if you prefer. They'll also sell you a jig to keep tension on the thread while you wrap, but I just use an inexpensive fly tying bobbin. If I think I need more tension than the weight of the spool of thread and bobbin provides, I just slide some hex nuts from my "bolts, nuts and screws collection" down the barrel of the bobbin. And as far as space is concerned, you could complete the whole project on your kitchen countertop.

If you decide to give this fun project a try, let me make a couple suggestions. Of course, you need to first decide the length and weight of the rod you want to build, but you'll also need to decide if you want a graphite blank or fiberglass. Bamboo is an option as well, but the availability of bamboo blanks is much more limited. Also, some kits, especially the less expensive kits, come with "cap and ring" reel seats, and that's fine if you're comfortable with that arrangement. Personally, I have trouble keeping the reel tight with the cap and ring reel seats I have, so I have started buying an up-locking reel seat and using it instead of the cap and ring that comes with some kits.

With regard to finishing the guide wraps, some kits come with an epoxy product like Flex Coat, but I always use varnish instead because I think I can fix mistakes easier with varnish than I can with epoxy. Actually, I use an exterior grade oil-base polyurethane. I have talked with rod

builders who use water-based poly, but I have more confidence in the oil-based poly. And on the subject of line guides, be sure you order snake guides and not single-foot guides. It means more wrapping, but from my experience, snake guides are more stable over time than the single-foot style guides.

I would suggest you consider purchasing a rod drying motor unless you have a rotisserie motor from a grill that you can use. A low-RPM motor (I prefer something in the 6 to 12 RPM range) lets you rotate the rod section while the varnish (or whatever you coated the wrapping thread with) dries. That keeps you from getting runs and sags in the finish. This can be done by rotating the rod section by hand—if you have the patience. I don't. I found low-RPM motors ranging from \$15 to \$80. Unless you're planning to build a number of rods, I see no need to go high-end. I've used the same motor for going on twenty years, and it's still running just fine. I think I paid about \$20 for it back in the day. (My rotisserie motor got misplaced during the move from house to condo never to be seen again.)

Anyway, give it some thought. You'll find the rod you make yourself adds something to fly fishing. And if I can answer any questions, don't hesitate to call me or send an email. My contact information is in the "Advisors" list in the Muddler. ♦



FLY FISHING with LUCAS

by David Oeming, chapter advisor

“Take a kid fishing. You’ll capture their imagination.”

—Max Hawthorne, *Kronos Rising*

We needed a laborer for projects around *Maison d’Oeming* on the North Branch. Our strapping grandson Lucas, age 13, was in need of funds. Advised by his father about Lucas’ impecuniosity, I approached Lucas about a few days of paid labor, and a deal was struck.

About the time I was Lucas’ age, I occasionally was appointed personal servant for my grandpa at his cabin at the end of Morley Road. I carried stuff, cleaned up, learned to make both a Tom Collins and a partway decent martini, and generally did whatever I was instructed to do.

Grandpa provided my first fly fishing rig including a 9’ fiberglass rod, Pflueger Medalist reel, old silk line, Wanigas leaders and flies, and Totes stockingfoot waders w/ black hightop Keds. He showed me how to use this kit to get a trout to rise. I caught a few legal fish (we ate our catch back then) and started my lifelong quest for trout. With Lucas, I figured that ontogeny recapitulates phylogeny—the apple doesn’t fall far from the tree—and our grandson would follow the same path.

Lucas, however, is not the proverbial barefoot boy with bent pin hook who has dreamt of fishing since he was a wee lad. He enjoyed fishing when he was a little kid living with his Mom and Dad on the Netherlands Antilles island of Saba, and later casting on his family’s farm pond with bobber and worm. Lucas’ current avocational pursuits, however, tend more toward digital architecture and design programs and games rather than outdoor physical enterprises. His free time on site would be spent with books and Apple products rather than fishing.

Early last spring, Lucas and his family visited us for a BC (before COVID) weekend at our home in Freeland. Lucas and I worked out the job schedule, and I suggested that kayaking on Jones Lake, armed with flyrods and bluegill poppers, would be available after work. He agreed to try flyfishing. We held a quick lawn casting tutorial on the front lawn, and after some repetition, Lucas could throw a fly into a hula hoop with some success. We were ready to go fishing.

Lucas’ dad delivered custody to me in June. Lucas worked up the menu and grocery list, and I planned our work projects. The list included

powerwashing the house, putting up hangers for three kayaks, constructing a durable walkway for the low portion of the path to the river, changing out the deer enclosures around the Cedars for the Au Sable, washing windows, and sundry other tasks. Per my request, Lucas had made a materials list and sketches. Lucas was in charge of meal planning and prep.

We picked up supplies and gear after he arrived early in the week and headed Up North. Lucas is a fairly taciturn fellow, but he seemed excited to get away. He didn’t mention fishing at all.

(See *Take a Kid*, page 5)

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS MEETING NOTICE

Plan to Join Us for the 2021 Annual Membership Meeting

Take a break from the news cycle and the pandemic and join with your fellow Chapter members in our Annual Membership meeting which will be held online on **Monday, January 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM.**

The Bylaw Committee has developed several Bylaw amendments for consideration by the membership. These amendments are forwarded with the recommendation of the Board of Directors. The proposed amendments provide for greater clarity, bring the terms of office for directors and officers into sync with uniform May start dates and provide for electronic board and membership meetings during times of pandemics or other national emergencies such as we are currently experiencing.

The members will also be electing new Directors at the Annual Meeting. To join this Zoom meeting, please click on this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8827215553> on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

Links to all meeting documents are available on the Chapter website: mershon-neumanntu.org

If you are unable to attend the Zoom meeting, please click on this link to vote on these two important matters: <https://forms.gle/QsZr5VeQtRhw995a9>

Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to join us as we enter our 58th year of grassroots coldwater conservation!

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The projects went well. Lucas was efficient, attentive, and offered good suggestions about double wrapping the cedars and maintaining river cover structures. We finished our punch list by the second afternoon on site. I suggested that we might like to kayak on Jones Lake and apply his new flyfishing skills. He agreed and we loaded two kayaks, gear, and food (one must fuel one's teenager) for the short trip to the lake.

Jones Lake, about forty acres with a public campsite and beach, is a no-kill lake planted with warmwater species including hybrid bluegills and largemouth bass. It is located adjacent to Camp Grayling, and patrons may be serenaded with artillery, miscellaneous small arms and machine gun fire, and the occasional duo of A-10 Warthogs flying treetop runs over the lake. Jones is ideal for flyfishing 101; rookie presentation would not put down overly sensitive stream trout, and bluegills on the beds will eat anything, including each other. I hoped Lucas would enjoy the experience.

After launching I spent a few minutes making sure that Lucas could cast his line from a kayak without losing his

equipment or catching himself. No problem; the guy was ready to attack. Thus armed, at my recommendation, Lucas headed for the panfish beds at the southwest corner of the lake. I followed to provide such physical support as might be needed, and in some measure to protect my equipment. I did fish, but I kept my distance from my grandson. This was his voyage, and he would make of it whatever he, not I, had planned.

The weather was clear and summery, but soon the wind came up, and kayak fishing became somewhat of a chore. I caught a few bluegills and a decent largemouth on a nondescript, well-chewed deerhair popper, but my partner did not catch any fish. After a short time, Lucas carefully placed his flyrod next to him in the cockpit and worked his way back to our parking spot. He checked out beds in the shallow clear waters around brushy islands, at least two different species of water lilies and pads, turtles, a duck family, and other wetland creatures. A local eagle glided close circles over Lucas' kayak a few times and thereafter landed on an enormous Douglas Fir next to the lake, glaring at him. Lucas later told me that he had seen eagles nearby before, but he did feel a bit vulnerable this time.

We landed, loaded our equipment, and headed back to camp in good order. Lucas had requested grilled chicken,

and I put him in charge of the oak-fired grill. This was a promotion and a challenge for Lucas; he has pet chickens, and his Dad is a talented chef. Dinner was excellent, and we spoke of many things, including fantasy novels we both have read, how his first year of high school may go (Lucas is a full year younger than his classmates), and why citizens of Great Britain would have written documents like the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights instead of simply keeping their mouths shut. It was the most expansive, and satisfying, conversation I have had with a grandchild.

We are all COVIDized these days, and I have seen Lucas and his family only once since our work sessions on the North Branch. I did not ask him directly about flyfishing at Jones Lake, or fishing at all. I did ask him if he would consider another work session at Lovells if our schedules will work out. He thought for a moment and responded that he had a good time with me, the kayaking was great, and yes, he would like to visit our Lovells Cabin again. Lucas did not mention fishing this time, either, but then again cloning a new fisherman is not the entire point of taking a kid fishing. ♦

Tie-a-Fly; Zoom Version

Beginning January 13, at 7:00pm, the Mershon-Neuman Heritage Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host weekly fly-tying lessons featuring guest tyers teaching their favorite flies. Although just watching these skilled artists is an education, you will be encouraged to tie along as each instructor shows us their own unique techniques. The skill level ranges from easy beginning flies to more complicated articulated flies. By March, your fly boxes should be full of bugs ranging from the Skunk and Royal Coachman to mayflies and hoppers.

There is no cost for this program. In order for us to contact you with any changes or additional information, registration is required, even if you only want to attend one session. Copy this registration link in your browser window: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpceihqDIsGd1Hwne3qb6p2IGqUPfPHFos> (this link will also be emailed to all members the first week of January). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing specific information about joining the meeting.

To help get prepared, you'll find a handy list of the materials needed to tie these flies on the next page. Little Forks Outfitters in Midland will be happy to assist you in getting any materials you might need. ♦

January 13, 2021

Jac Ford

Spent Wing Hex

- Hook: Orvis 1636, size 6 2x long
- Tail: Pheasant tail
- Thread: 3/0 - 6/0 brown
- Wing: Select Orvis CDC (gray) or poly yarn
- Body: 2 mm thin yellow foam



January 20, 2021

Jac Ford

Hex Emerger

REAR:

- Rear hook: size 8 2x long nymph
- Tail: strands of brown ostrich
- Thread: 4/0- 5/0 brown
- Wing: Select Orvis CDC (gray) or poly yarn
- Body: clump of krystal flash (medium brown or mixed)
- Ribbing: copper wire, fine to medium
- Collar: hen hackle or partridge

FRONT:

Articulate: 20# mono or flouro line

- Thread: 4/0- 5/0 brown
- Body: Deer hair, dark on top-light on bottom
- Underdeveloped wings: Two fairly heavy straws of greyish poly yarn
- Collar just in front of wings: Deer hair tied into sides with fine tips back, then clipped front

January 27, 2021

Jim Lewis

Peacock and Yellow

- Hook: Standard dry-fly hook (in video a Firehole 419 is used) such as Tiemco 100 or Daiichi 1100.
- Thread: UNI-Thread 6/0 (8/0 on smaller sizes) or UTC 140 denier.
- Tail and under-body: Elk or deer hair.
- Abdomen: Floss or yarn (Hi-vis is used in video). Also, dubbing could be used.
- Thorax: Peacock herl
- Parachute post: White polypropylene yarn (other colors can be substituted)
- Hackle: Brown, grizzly, or other color of choice (badger used in video).

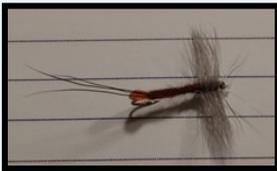


February 3, 2021

Jeff Minnis

Hendrickson

- Hook: Daiichi 1280, size 14
- Thread 6/0 gray
- Tail: Moose mane
- Body: Mahogany dubbing
- Optional egg sac foam
- Wing: light dun hackle



February 10, 2021

Don Albrecht

Hopper

- Hook size 8-12 2xl or similar
- 6/0 black or tan thread
- Deer Hair
- Tan Foam 2-3mm thick (or your choice of colors)
- rubber legs - barred pumpkin (or your choice of colors)
- Pearl Crystal flash

February 17, 2021

Butch Mayer

Skunk

- Hook: Mustad #9672 size 6
 - Thread: Black, 6/0
 - Tail: Woodchuck Guard Hairs
 - Legs: White rubber legs
 - Body: Yellow Chenille (medium)
 - Wing: Woodchuck Guard Hairs
- Hackle: Brown



February 24, 2021

Don Albrecht

Pheasant tail nymph

- Hook size 10-20, 1xl, 1x heavy, Mustad 3906B or equivalent
- 6/0 black thread
- Rooster Pheasant tail feathers
- Fine copper wire
- Peacock herl
- Medium Pearl Tinsel for flashback model
- Brass bead sized hook for bead head model

Royal Coachman

- Hook: Tiamco #300 size 8
- Thread: black
- Tail: golden pheasant
- Body: peacock flat silver tinsel red floss
- Wing: white hen cape jungle cock eye optional
- Throat: brown hackle

You Know You're a Flyfisherman if...

by Bob Kren, M-NHC Advisor,
and occasionally,
Mr. Flyfishersonguy

Here's a question: "How do you know whether your flyfishing has gotten out of control?" Hey!, don't waste time on any cures—unless one of them is eliminating those #!&^ tailing loops that plague us all—if you don't really have a problem that borders on addiction. I'm here to help you find out. What follows is a brief list of warning signs that things may be out of control.

🐟 You practice casting on your front lawn, or in some other public place, to attract the attention of innocent bypassers, especially the lady who lives across the street, possibly in the hope that some itinerant casting instructor will see your thrashing and offer help.

🐟 Every animal, leashed or not, flying or not, flattened or not, is viewed as potential fly-tying material. Why buy synthetics when so much can be gotten for free? The "best if used by" date is inappropriate, when roadkill ripeness is overly evident.

🐟 All your shirts, dress- or not, have multiple expanding pockets, Velcro® patches and flaps, vents and drainage holes, too many buttons, forest-y colors, too few buttons, and uv-protective coatings. All are nice, with the appropriate camo tie for formal occasions and the office.

🐟 You have purchased things you'll never need, at exorbitant prices (300 clams for a pair of pliers? Why not get two?), for occasions that will never arise (Forty colors of chenille in three sizes, each? Sure, I'll tie that many woolly buggers. Now I need forty different color hackle capes). And

when you really have a need for such a piece of exotica, it'll be back at the car, or at home, safely tucked away with your unworn Rolex.

🐟 You have tried on at least one occasion to take everything onstream that you might need, only to find that even Arnold Schwarzenegger couldn't carry that heavy a vest. Does "I've fallen, and I can't get up, blub, blub" sound familiar?

🐟 You have an expensive pair of sunglasses for every light condition, but, when you're fishing and far from your car, the weather will change and you'll have worn the exactly wrong pair for the new light levels. Pity. Never happens to me. Much.

🐟 Your biceps and forearms are exhausted from holding small fish way out in front of you, with their heads toward the camera, for a photo shoot that makes a minnow look like a mako shark. A wide-angle lens on the camera makes the fish look suspiciously distorted, but HUGE! Everybody does it; nobody's fooled.

🐟 You have books on flyfishing that, with few exceptions, duplicate all your other books on flyfishing. The ones on display are the most recent ones and the biggest, with all the beautiful pictures; the ones in the back are the ones that gave the advice, or tying instructions, for the first time, and are yellowed with age and use. We are the readingest sportspersons of all, despite our relatively small numbers. (If there are so few of us, why are all the best spots on the river taken? Just askin'.)

🐟 The number of plastic flyboxes you have exceeds the total number of stars in the Universe, plus one. We flyfishers, solely, support an entire polyethylene plant down on Texas' Carcinogen Coast. You're welcome, Bubba. Why not wooden boxes? If you lug them around, you find out how heavy they are, pretty fast.

🐟 You lament things that have no meaning, like the demise of the Girl Scouts' flyfishing merit badge, which was awarded less often than the merit badge for porcupine milking, or termite breeding.

🐟 In line with that last item, you take up the cudgel for every worthy cause, diluting your efforts and muddying your thinking to the point that all causes are equally important and thus, equally trivial.

🐟 You just can't seem to get rid of old fly-fishing magazines, despite the fact that the contents recycle their topics every five years, with few changes. Someday the whole of eastern Michigan will sink into Lake Huron, under the weight of all those saved magazines.

If you have more than two of these symptoms—and you know you do—then get thee to a 12-step program, or take drugs, or just don't worry about it if that's your choice. I'm proud of my addictions, and you should be proud of yours, too. —Bob K





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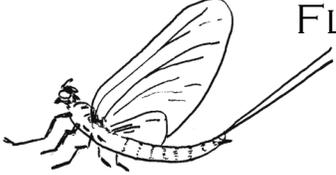
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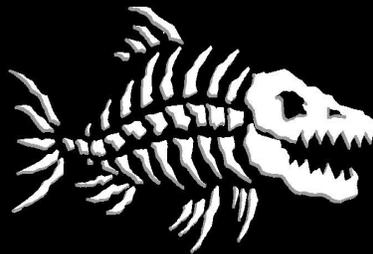
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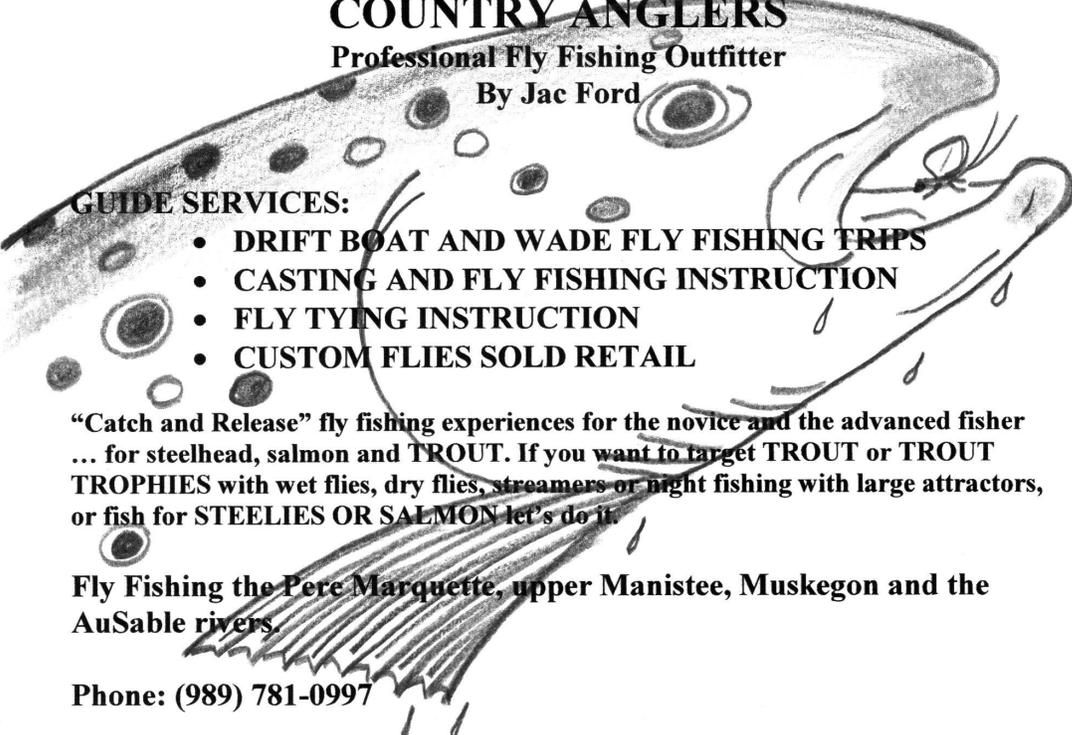
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MEETING SCHEDULE**

All Board meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. We usually meet at W.L. Case Funeral Home, 4480 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw. However, until it is safe and feasible to meet in-person, we are meeting via Zoom.

Wednesday, January 6, 2021
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

—No meetings during summer months—

**We welcome you to attend any of the board meetings.
Your input is an invaluable resource in our efforts to serve the resources we enjoy.**

To join our Zoom board meeting, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86037144769>.