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There will be no January meeting since the first Thursday of the month is January 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be several activities in the month of January with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center. See below for more information. See you February 5, 2015 for the first meeting of the year.

## **Missouri Trout Fishermen’s Association - Springfield Chapter**

### **Calendar for January 2015**

- January 1                    **No meeting – New Year’s Holiday**
  
- January 24                **Springfield Nature Center Fly tying 1-4 PM**
  
- January 30                **Springfield Nature Center fly Tying with teen Club**
  
- February 5                **Regular Meeting at the Springfield Nature Center**

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### **Pipkin Project 2014**

MTFA should be proud of this year’s contribution to Pipkin Project. At the November meeting we agreed to donate \$300 to be added to what we made at our Christmas party. At that time, we did not have any major items for auction or raffle. But our members came through with a large number of donated items and our raffle brought in \$496. Our librarian, Dennis Stead, also brought in some duplicate books from the library and we had a silent auction for those. That gave us an additional \$84. Larry Wegmann’s daughter, Jill, gave a brief description of what they do with our donations. Thus, this year’s total donation was \$880! Thanks for your support of this cause... Ralph Eichholz

## The 2015 MTFA Springfield Chapter President



**John Dozier**

### Word from the President

A new year has started and we have many things to do as a club. It will be a great year teaching young and old the art of tying your own flies along with fly fishing for fresh water and salt water fish.

As members of the MTFA family please be mindful of members battling with health issues and other struggles that life throws at us with your thoughts and prayers.

Events taking place in January-	Nature Center Adult fly tying	Saturday 1/24
	Nature Center Teen Club	Friday 1/30

Blessings and happiness to you and your families,

See you at February 5th meeting.

John Dozier

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### Membership

The renewal membership applications continue to be returned with 65% of the members returning their forms with dues for 2015; that would be forty-seven individual and family memberships. We will accept more membership forms and dues at the February meeting. If you did not get a renewal membership package, I will have forms available at the next meeting or you can download the file at the MTFA Springfield home page (<http://mtfa-springfield.org>). Our total membership, including families and individuals was 123 in 2014 and hopefully we can get a 100% return to match that number within the next month or two. Thank you for your support... Kim Schultz

## **Fly Tying at the Nature Center**

We have been invited to tie flies for the Nature Center visitors on Saturday, January 24th from 1-4 pm. We have done this the last few years and our tiers have enjoyed it. It's not nearly as busy as the Insect-o-rama and we get more time to discuss what we are doing with interested individuals. You may even want to bring an extra vise and have someone tie his or her first fly with you. I'd like to have about 4-8 tiers. I'll not be at the January meeting, but will be at this event. Hope to see you there... Ralph Eichholz

### **Fly-Tying Demonstration**

**Location: Springfield Conservation Nature Center**

**Date: Saturday, January 24, 2015, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM**

Members of the Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association will be on hand to demonstrate basic fly-tying techniques. Stop by anytime and learn how combinations of feathers, yarn, and thread can imitate insects or other food that will fool a fish. All ages. No registration required.

### **Conservation TEEN Club: Beginning Fly-Tying**

**Location: Springfield Conservation Nature Center**

**Date: Friday, January 30, 2015, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**

Join us for a fly-tying presentation. The Missouri Trout Fishermen's Association will be our guest presenters and teach us how to tie flies. You will be able to keep the flies you tie and use them fly-fishing next year! Snacks and drinks provided. Ages 12-17. Registration begins January 2. Call 417-888-4237.

Reservations begin 01/02

**Editor's Note:** We will need some volunteers for the 24<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. You can contact John Dozier or Ralph Eichholz if you are available and want to help... Thanks

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MTFA Springfield Web site

The MTFA web site has been updated recently and is maintained by Brent Simmons. You can find 2015 membership application forms, a file listing current members and the calendar for 2015 MTFA activities. Here is a link to the calendar of activities: <http://mtfa-springfield.org/calendar>

If you find a mistake on any of the web pages or dates that need to be changed, please send an email indicating the item and we will make the correction. Thanks for your help.

We will add a 2015 photo file to the web site. If you have a memorial photo or fish pass it along and it will be posted.

Thanks... Brent and Kim



### 2015 MTFA -Springfield Chapter Officers

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<b>2 Year Executive Committee Member</b>	Connie Erickson / Joe Simecek	
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Monthly meetings at the Springfield Nature Center are the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM for Fly tying and 7 PM for programs and business meeting.

### Committee Chairs

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