

THE CLINCH RIVER ANGLER

CHAPTER MEETING

When: Thursday, October 12.
Where: St. Francis' Episcopal Church in Norris

MEMBERS IN ACTION

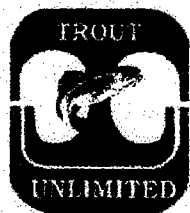
On September 12, the Clinton Community Center rocked and rolled to thunderous applause as Buzz Buffington joined the ranks of Anderson County Hero!

Our chapter, and our partner the CCWF, have nominated two winners in the past: Reverend Roy Daugherty in 2003 and member, John Thurman, in 2004.

Buzz was recognized for his many community service and volunteering efforts, such as: environmental preservation and his efforts as a volunteer with the Marlow Fire Department.

Saturday, October 7, Buzz has scheduled the Chapter's next **Tire Roundup on the Clinch** for 9 am-2 pm. Volunteers should meet at the Big Lots parking lot in Clinton at 9 am. Bring boats for loading and floating tires out of holes, hoes or some means to "grab" tires, waders, life jackets, gloves, beverage and lunch, fishing gear, and be prepared for a fun and satisfying event. We also need a truck to haul the tires to the landfill. (The rain-out alternate date is **October 21**)

Friday, October 27-Coal Creek Health Day at Briceville School. Our partner, the Coal Creek Watershed Foundation (CCWF), our chapter and friends will gather at 9 am at the
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The Clinch River Chapter - dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring the natural environment of the Clinch River Watershed

CRCTU VOTES NOT TO SUPPORT A SUGGESTED NEW REG FOR THE CLINCH

Our chapter has been approached by a persistent angler to support his proposed regulation for slot/size limits on the Clinch. Our board chose not to support the request at this time because the data from TWRA, TDEC and other experts at our chapter meetings do not indicate the this new regulation would improve fishing. The board decided that this proposed regulation might even hurt fishing by affecting projects that we do on the tailwater and its tributaries. Attempts at enacting fishing regulations on the Clinch in past years were met with strong opposition by landowners. It's taken us several years to overcome the negative reaction that some landowners had about TU. We want to continue to improve water quality by working in partnership with the landowners since our efforts take place primarily on their properties.

According to Jim Habera, head of

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TWRA's Region IV Coldwater fisheries, the trout catch rate in 2006, is rebounding back up from declined catch rates in 2004 and 2005, which were caused by low flows. Habera reports that TWRA's Management Plan objectives (see MP below) for trout 14" and over and for trout 18" and over have been met or exceeded as shown by his data:

CATCH RATE- Rainbow & Brown Trout

	Trout 7"+	Trout 14"+	Trout 18"+
'99-03	80 - 220	10 - 32	1-4
2004	130	44	6
2005	100	24	2
2006	170	30	9
MP	200	30	8

MEMBERS IN ACTION, - ...Health Day

school to host this annual health day for the community. Volunteers will take a class at a time and treat the kids to creek exploration, casting and critters found in nearby Coal Creek. We will teach the kids how checking the health of the creek and checking their own health are related. **Volunteers and equipment are needed for this fun and rewarding day!**

Saturday, November 4-Quarterly Adopt-A-Highway CRCTU volunteers will meet at the Island Home Baptist Church on Norris Freeway (Hwy 441) at 9 am.