



Tight Lines

November 2017 Newsletter of the
Rabun Chapter (522) of Trout Unlimited

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“Fear no fish, Never grow up!”
Flip Pallot

Rabun Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Join us for our regular monthly meetings every
third Tuesday of the month.
This month the date is Tuesday November 21.

Our Meeting Place is at Rabun
Gap Presbyterian church Fellowship Hall
Social & Story telling (Truth or Lies) starts
At 6:30 pm, then at 7:00 – Program & Meeting.
The church is located just past
Rabun Gap Nachoochee School
at 8397 Wolffork Road, Rabun Gap, GA 30568.

At every regular chapter meeting there will be a raffle
for fishing or camping items to help pay
the cost of mailing the newsletter to
members without email and to raise
money to pay for our storage building.
Bring an item to donate
and a dollar or two for raffle tickets.



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Letter from the President



I wasn't able to attend the fall chapter campout so I'm awaiting a report on the fishing and fellowship. Hopefully everyone was able to bring plenty of fish to hand and the communal meals and fellowship were enjoyed by all in attendance.

I would like to extend a hearty thanks to Wander North Georgia and the Clayton City Council. Wander North Georgia donated all proceeds raised from the camping fees charged to those who camped out at City Hall during the Eclipse Celebration to the City of Clayton. The City of Clayton, in turn, donated half of that to our chapter in recognition of our conservation efforts and the resulting monetary impact to the businesses within our county as a result of those who travel to Rabun County to enjoy our outstanding fishing opportunities. I will attend the city council meeting on November 14th in order to receive a check in the mount of \$653.17 on behalf of the chapter. Their generosity is sincerely appreciated!

Don't forget to purchase your Dream Trip tickets which are available from members of the Board of Directors. You wouldn't want to miss the opportunity to be selected as the lucky winner of this fabulous trip to Island Park, Idaho next summer for the fishing trip of a life time. The November chapter meeting which will be Tuesday, November 21, 2017. Our guest speaker this month will be Beverly Booth who is the Program Coordinator for Casting for Recovery - Georgia. This will be an excellent program and I highly recommend spouses and female chapter members plan to come hear her presentation. I hope to see you there.

Our BOD meeting will be held on the regularly scheduled fourth Tuesday which will be November 28th. This meeting will be primarily devoted to planning for the Rabun Rendezvous which is just around the corner. With that in mind, please remember to mark your calendars for January 20, 2018 and plan to join us once again for another fun filled evening. Kent Wilson

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Forward Casting Calendar of Events

Nov. 21 (Tues): Regular monthly meeting at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church starting at 6:30. Meeting starts at 7 with our guest speaker followed by a brief meeting then our monthly raffle. November's program will be "Flyfishing Smiles with our Georgia Gals," an update on the Casting for Recovery programs in Georgia. Georgia CFR program director and



active Blue Ridge Chapter TU'er Beverly Booth will be welcomed back as our speaker. She will also bring a CFR participant with her to speak at our meeting. **PLEASE TELL ALL THE LADIES YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS GREAT MEETING!** All women may not care for fishing but they would love hearing about how the sport of Trout Fishing is helping GA. Women every year during their battle with Breast Cancer! We'll have our monthly raffle also. See more on CFR on page 6 for more information about the program. See you and all your lady friends on Nov. 21!

Nov. 28 (Tues): Regular monthly Board Meeting starting at 6:30. All are Welcome!!

Dec. 5 (Tues): Annual Christmas Dinner for the Rabunites. As of this date looks like we're going back to the Dillard House. All details will be emailed soon!

SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH ! RABUN RENDEZVOUS! Jim Casade will be our guest speaker. Jim has been a lover of the outdoors and a sportsman all his life. For more info on Jim click [here](#)! Get your plans made now so you don't miss out on great Food, Fun and Fellowship with all the Rabunites!

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Matching the Hatch: brought to you from many ole Rabunites who have spent countless hours fishing and trudging along river banks, tying flies, casting, overcoming weather, bugs, and no telling what else to bring you this recorded, tried and true valued information.

November fly of the month

By Terry Rivers

BLACK MOHAIR LEECH

HOOK: 3x LONG #10 STREAMER HOOK

TAIL: BLACK MARABOU

BODY: MOHAIR LEECH TINSEL

HEAD: BRASS BEAD



Black Mohair
Leech

GREAT FLY TO USE IN DH STREAMS AFTER JUNK FLIES NOT PRODUCING. GET THEM DEEP AND HOLD ON.

“SEE YA’LL ON THE RIVER”

To view a Hatch Chart for all month click [Hatch Chart](#)

More tips and helpful information from Dredger and other Georgia DNR fisheries staff. Click [here](#) for the latest reports.



How's the river? Click on the name of the river to check water levels.

[Chattooga Level](#)

[Tallulah River Level](#)

[Nantahala](#)

[Little Tennessee](#)



November Hatches

THE BUGS	TIME OF MONTH	TIME OF DAY	SUGGESTED FLIES
Small Dun Caddis	Early	Mid AM to Late PM	18 Brown Elk or Deer Hair Caddis 18 Grey Caddis Pupa
Speckled Grey-Brown Caddis	ALL MONTH	Late PM	14-16 Dark Elk Hair Caddis w/Yellow-Brown 14-16 Dun & Yellow Caddis Pupa
Large October Caddis (Important)	All Month	Early AM to Late PM	8-10 Ginger Elk Hair; 12-14 Ginger Stimulator 8-10 Ginger Caddis Pupa
TERRESTRIALS - Ants, Beetles, Crickets, Inch-Worms, Etc	VARIOUS TIMES AND SIZES	VARIOUS	VARIOUS
Blue Winged Olive & Blue Quill (important)	ALL MONTH	Late AM to Mid PM	16-20 BWO, Blue Quill or Adams Parachute 16-20 BWO nymph or Pheasant Tail
MIDGES	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	18-22 Griffith's Gnat 18-22 Midge Pupa
NOTHING AT ALL	ALL MONTH	ALL DAY	Dredging Nymphs: 12-16 Prince, Hare's Ear, Zugbug, PT #14 Parachute Adams is always a good searching pattern



Not quite ready to be a fly fisherman? Try these alternatives for catching trout.



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Casting for Recovery



Casting for Recovery is a National program providing 2-1/2 day retreats, at no cost to the participants, that combine counseling and an introduction to fly fishing to promote mental and physical healing for survivors of breast cancer.

Each year, fourteen Georgia women are selected via a random lottery to attend the retreat. Any woman who resides in Georgia and has received a breast cancer diagnosis is eligible to apply. Our retreats take women out of the clinical setting and into nature, where they can relax, share their cancer experience with other survivors, and learn the therapeutic sport of fly fishing. Our breast cancer retreats also include counseling and medical education and are provided at no cost to the participants.

Last month CFR - GA held their first annual Georgia Regional stage IV distant metastatic breast cancer retreat. Nine Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer patients attended. They enjoyed a weekend of special treatment from cooked meals, special king suites, hikes, workshops, counseling and more.

Joining the CFR Coordinator Beverly Booth at our meeting will be Christine Rogers. Christine will talk about her experience as a participant at the 1st Casting for Recovery retreat, specifically for women who have had a diagnosis of distant metastatic, Stage IV Breast Cancer. 42 year old Christine has an unbelievable story to share that will touch many.



Christine Rogers hauling in a big un with her guide Jake Darling from Unicoi Outfitters.

Rabun TU is proud to support CFR! So come out enjoy the meeting and you will find another great reason to be proud that you are a part of something great when you buy raffle tickets, auction items or make donations to Rabun TU! Through you we are able to make donations to CFR along with other great groups! For more information or to find out information on next

2018 retreats click [here!](#) For a great read and images from last month's retreat [click here.](#) And from Orvis, another article click [here.](#)

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Back Casting

Last month a room full of Rabunites were treated to Unicoi Outfitter's shop manager Jake Darling's latest, greatest presentation on streamer chucking for trophy trout. While Jake admitted that the rise of a trout to a drifting dry was still lots of fun, his current addiction "is all about the EAT." He enjoys the rush of a big brown up from the depths and its smashing strike to kill and eat his streamer. He had the audience blood pumping, too.

Guests were treated to true insider information. A few Darling secrets included:

1) match the streamer hue to background conditions



(high sky and clear water suggest white flies; clouds and muddy water steers Jake toward black or brown). Jake also let us peek at his streamer box, with both types of flies, attractors and imitators. Our favorite fly name was the "Drunk and Disorderly!"

2) operate in "the box."

Keep your hands close, in a small square zone in front of your chest, and snap the rod short and quick with your wrist while stripping the slack with the other hand.

3) cover a lot of water, even the shallow stuff. Cast once or twice in the honey holes, but also in the shallow flats where big fish might be ambushing minnows.

4) use a front-heavy, weight forward line to shoot big streamers with one only one back cast (ex: Titan Taper)

5) big, hungry fish are leader-blind, so bulk up with just a short (4 foot) section of 15 pound mono or fluoro as the leader.

6) don't expect a lot of

hookups, but have a camera ready when the fish of a lifetime smashes your big, articulated sculpin pattern.

It's all about the EAT. Thanks Jake! A few Rabunites may chuck big flies into November DH streams and hook their personal best trouts!



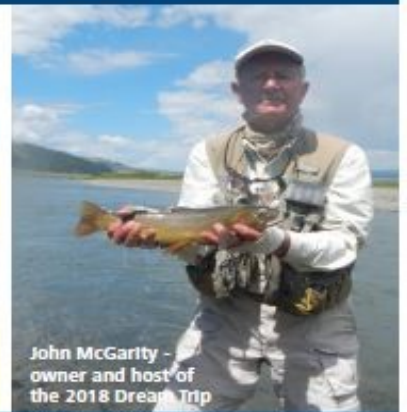
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DREAM TRIP - FLY FISHING FOR TWO!



John McGarity -
owner and host of
the 2018 Dream Trip

"The 2018 Dream Trip reaches new heights. The opportunity to fish with John McGarity, stay in his fabulous log cabin conveniently located between the Madison River, Yellowstone National Park and the Henry's Fork puts you smack dab in the middle of some of the most famous trout waters in North America. John is the consummate trout angler, fishing almost every day during the 5 or 6 months each year he resides in Idaho. Blue Ribbon Flies in West Yellowstone checks with John for fishing reports. Having been a restaurateur, John is also an excellent cook... you will not go hungry on this trip! TU couldn't ask for a better host and guide for this year's Dream Trip."

-Jimmy Harris,
owner, Uncoil Outfitters

• 5 days hosted fishing / 6 nights lodging in Idaho July 22 – 27, 2018

• \$500 total in travel expenses - travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the winners.

*Fishing licenses, gratuities, and alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the winners during their stay.

• Each winner receives: A float trip on the Madison River, plus Choice of Winston Bill-x or Air 4, 5, or 7 weight rod, a fly reel with Scientific Angler line, and a fly box and flies for the trip (Approx. 5-7 dozen per box)



Tickets \$10 Proceeds Benefit TU Cold Water Conservation and Trout Camp

RUNNER UP PRIZES:

The winner(s) of this raffle are responsible for any tax due on the value of the winnings.

- Redington Trout rod - 5 wt. 9', 6 piece travel fly rod. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- TFO BVK 4-5 reel: Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- Fly box with 8+ dozen trout flies: The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- AFFS gift certificate for a fly fishing or fly casting class during 2017. Donated by The Atlanta Fly Fishing School
- A private fly casting lesson including digital casting analysis and video analysis (this donation would apply to those having mastered basic casting skills already). The Atlanta Fly Fishing School for 2017 year.
- Two nights at the Fire Fly Lodge and a full day of unguided trout fishing on either Hothouse Creek trophy trout stream or the Toccoa River from Firefly's private frontage. WWW.fireflyfishinglodge.com
- Choice of TFO BVK (3 wt.-10 wt.) or Clouser (5 wt.-10 wt.) fly rod, donated by the Cohutta TU Chapter.
- Half day guided float trip for 2 on Chattahoochee River. Donated by Chris Scalley - River Through Atlanta
- Half day guided fishing trip for two with Henry Cowan. Donated by Henry Cowan
- Two fly boxes of 6 dozen trout flies - TU Chapters
- Original Artwork donated by - Jenna Mason - www.jmasondesignsonline.com
- Multitude of other prizes

For complete rules and details visit www.georgiatu.org



Jimmy Harris owner of Uncoil Outfitters



Recent winner - Morry Wright - Robson Chapter member



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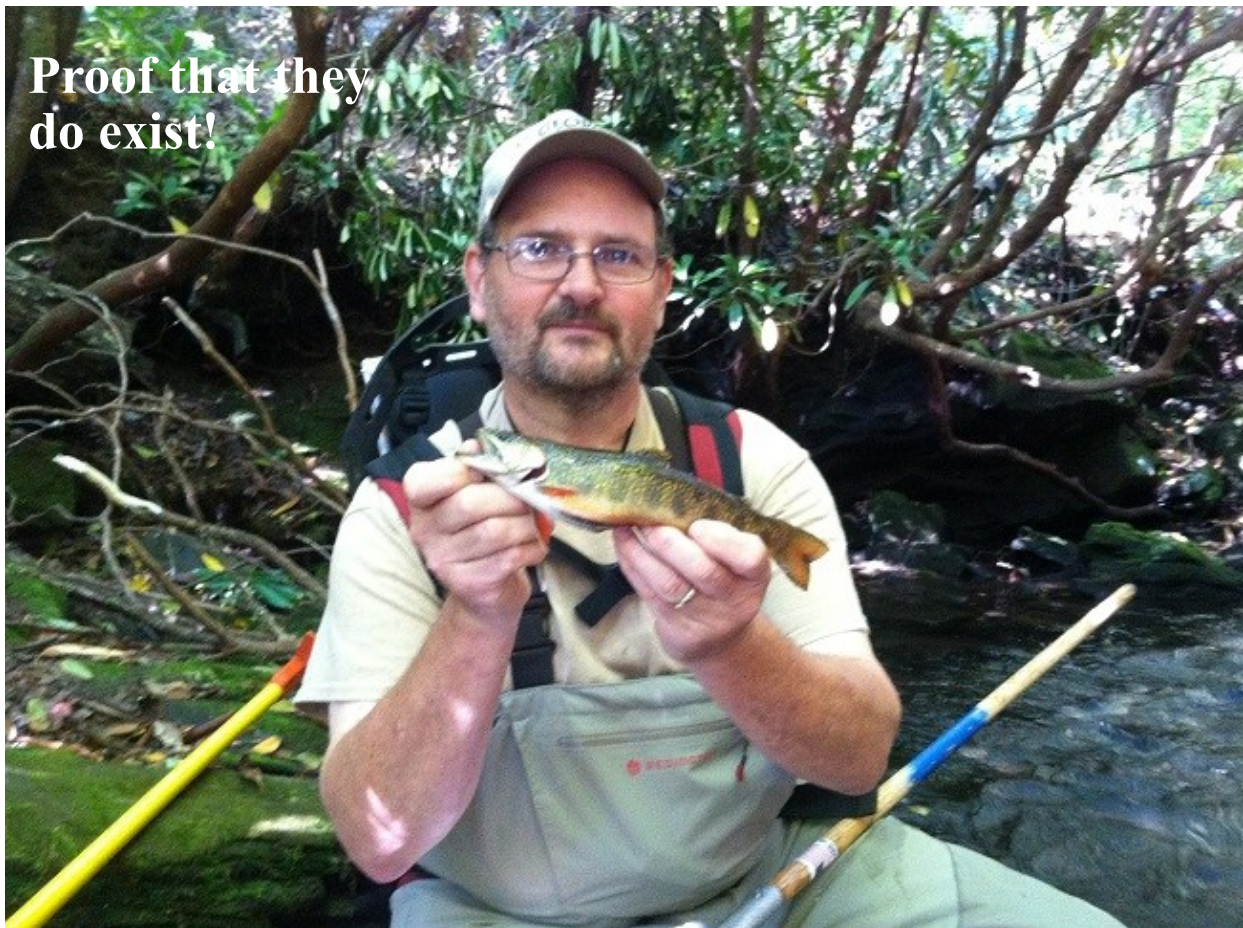
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Fishing Reports

The Fellowship and Fly Fishing didn't go over too well last month. Every time coordinator Mike got something scheduled mother nature would step in to interfere. One picture is all that was needed to explain everything.



Proof that they
do exist!



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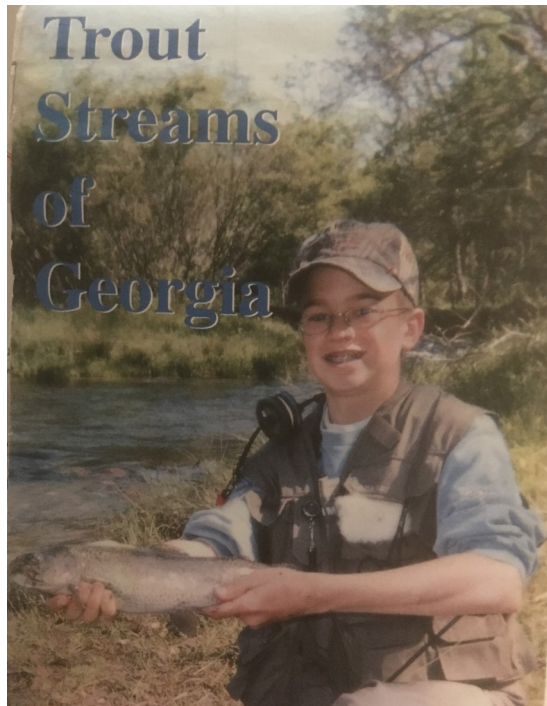
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Fishing Stories (No Fibbing here)

“From Guarded to Guardian”



Many veteran Rabunites will recall our adoption of a scrawny little angling addict from New Jersey. For a good decade, starting in 2002, we welcomed that young spring break teenager with open arms to our campouts and fishing trips. Rabunites guarded him and filled him with joyful memories of trophy trout, woodsmoke, eggs and grits, crispy critters and fried taters, bluegrass, Tallulah tents, and fishing fibs. He perfected his drag-free drift and his Rabunite dialect. Fishing and fellowship helped him heal from tremendous personal loss, grow through those challenging teenage years, and mature into one fine young man.

As he grew in height and intellect, College Dude returned here to help bait hooks at our May scout cookout at Indian Lake. He survived the Epic Ellicott Rock Lightning Storm (alleged fishing trip) with Kidd and Dredger. (We still haven't told his mom...). As VP, He taught Rabunite 101 to members of his University of Vermont Flyfishing Club. He caught some whopper Salmon River Steelhead and shared his grip-and-grins (photos) and trip tales with us. He got a nice degree and then returned home to be near family. He earned a real job and bought a real boat to chase stripers in New York Harbor.

And he fondly remembers his extended Rabunite family, his Georgia guardians who helped restore joy to his young life through the hydro-therapy of flyfishing: Adams and the cherished Salmon Camp spring breaks, a Jimmy Harris custom rod and frequent forays to Nacoochee Bend, campfire steaks and smoky bear stories with Hopton and Kidd, Adams and Tyre, and Harris and Dredger, sleeping in Injun Frank's teepee, and spinning yarns with Charlie B, Terry R, Hoover, Kelly, and other legendary Rabunite fibbers.



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Fishing Stories cont:

And now the guarded is the Guardian. He stood tall (far right) over September 11 visitors to the World Trade Center Memorial.

Tonight, October 31, he tells me he's okay, will remember to duck, and says he has to hang up now and get to work. You see, tonight he stands guard over the Freedom Tower at #1 WTC, proudly displaying the badge number formerly worn by his dad, PAPD 1712. Thanks in part to you, the guarded is now our Guardian.



For all you Rabunites who gave some flies, laughs, kidding, instream tips, tent space, and advice on life to young Pat Gorman, please take pride in the man whose life you helped to shape. Know that your youth outreach efforts can make a tremendous difference in the lives of our young folks. Pat is a grand example of how your kindness can enrich our sport, strengthen our angling community, and even bolster our American values of faith, hard work, and perseverance.

As for Pat's yarn spinning and overestimation of fish size well, I guess we'll just have to live with his faults.
(Rabunite badges of honor, by golly!)

God bless America and my Rabunite brothers and sisters. To borrow an epic Hoover quote, "a finer bunch of hillbillies there ain't !"

For more about Pat's life click [here](#) to read an article from Hudson Reporter.

WHAAAaaaaa WHOOOooooooooooo!!!

Submitted by Jeff Durniak

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News and Information

This information was asked to be shared by one of the most admired men in the Trout Fishing world. So FYI:

To my friends,

I was 92 in January and had a carotid artery operation. During testing the hospital determined my heart was only pumping 35% and must limit my physical activities followed by a rest. The industry was extremely helpful and last season was able to attend the shows, clinics, etc.

Several weeks ago, I realized I was developing another problem, which is normal for someone nearly 93. It turns out I have congested heart failure. My pacemaker revealed there was a series of very rapid hear beats, which could cause a stroke. Fortunately a lot of doctor/friends are fly-fisherman and worked with me. In summary I have to give up travel and presentations as in the past.

Everyone produces a certain amount of fluid in the body and excretes the excess. Because of the low heartbeat my body is not getting rid of all the fluids and I gained weight. My best friend Dr. Mark Lamos put me in the hospital and with back procedure they twice removed a liter and a half of fluid from my chest. After five days in the hospital. I lost weight.

A week or so later I starting gaining weight again so it was back in the hospital for the same treatment. They reduced most of the fluid and returned home. I determined I was not going to continue back to the hospital. Mark decided to use medicine to control the excess fluid. It's been a fine-tuning situation but looks like it's starting work.

This means the schedule I lived for decades is no longer valid and will spend most my time at home. As we get older we learn to adjust to what we can and cannot do. I have a number of interesting computer home projects on the computer and busier than a Syrian bricklayer. I'm not frustrated and I'm content My problem is I don't have a lot of stamina and have to work around that. If Marks medical system works I should be busy and around for a year or two.

I would like to be able to send this email to my friends but I don't really know how to do this. So I'm asking others to help me spread the word through email. Because my lack of energy and stamina I having trouble answering emails (there are more than 400 on the computer) and not talking much on the phone. This is not meant to be unfriendly is learning to adjuster my situation.

In summary I'm busy and content but I want you to know I am so appreciative you've have shared your lives with me.

All The Best Friends,
Lefty Kreh



From TU National: TU praises new bill supporting key Klamath Basin agreement:

A nearly two decades long mission to resolve long-standing conflicts in the Klamath River basin over water. Click [here](#) to catch up on the latest efforts.

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Membership News & Updates

Current membership: 168 members, 28 life members, and 6 stream explorers.

Thanks for re-upping your membership: Robert Berry, Doug Bryant, William Candy, Steve Denman, Glenn English, Cecil Greene, John Hoppes, Jim Kidd, David King, David Nichols, Leroy Powell, Tom Shirley, Larry Walker, Kent Wilson and Broderick and Michele Crawford.

Time to renew your membership: Kyle Burrell, Dick Daniel, Nancy Gribble, James Nixon, and Margaret Richardson.

Welcome new member: Ted Poulin. Hope to see you on the River!

Please keep Emmilyn Rivers (Terry Rivers wife) in your thoughts and prayers. She fell earlier this month and fractured her hip. She went through surgery and is now home and doing physical therapy. She still has a long way to go but looking forward to having her back at our events!!

Please keep Frank Tolbert and his entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Frank lost his brother Steve Tolbert last month due to cancer. Steve was retired from the City of Atlanta Fire Department after 30 years of service. He also served as President of the Greater Lithonia Youth Association at Rock Chapel Park & was a baseball coach to many, including his sons. Like Frank Tolbert is to Rabun TU his brother Steve was also just as giving of his time and therefore loved and will be missed by many.



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Don't forget to keep up with the Foxfire Boys and all their happenings at the Nichols Center by visiting their face book page. Click [here](#) to check out the calendar of events.

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