



## Caring for Communities April 2005

A series of fun, family-oriented educational events enters its second year with a full month of exciting activities. Explore critical animal, plant, and habitat issues that reflect the environmental well-being of our communities.



**Sunday, April 3: 9am and 5 pm WKOK 1070 AM "Roundtable" hosted by Moderator Mark Lawrence.** Roundtable airs Sunday at 6a.m. on Eagle 107.3FM, 9a.m. and 5p.m. on WKOK (1070AM) and 11p.m. on 94.1FM.



**Sunday, April 3: 1:30 pm Shamokin Mountain Trail Walk with Conservancy President Wayne McDiffett.** Directions to Shamokin Mtn. Trail in Union Township, Union County: from Lewisburg drive South on Stein Lane 1.1 miles past Furnace Road to top of hill; turn left onto Forest House Lane and proceed approx. 0.3 miles to trail head.



**Sunday, April 10: 1-3 pm Invasive Plant Exhibit and Native Plant Presentation and Sale.** The Conservancy's Invasive Plant Exhibit opens at 1 pm at the Dale/Engle/Walker House on Strawbridge Road off Rte. 192 just west of Lewisburg. Linn Conservancy's Native Plant Sale, sponsored by the Lewisburg Garden Club, the Country Cupboard and the Mifflinburg Garden Club, will be held on the porch of the DEW House at the same time, offering an environmentally friendly alternative to invasive plants for garden enthusiasts. Darlene Weener, a Penn State Master Gardener with 35 years of gardening experience, will give a presentation on "Landscaping with Native Plants" beginning at 1pm.



**Sunday, April 10: 2 pm Paradise Valley Organic Farm walk with Bucky Ziegler, owner of Paradise Valley Organic Farm.** Directions to Bucky Zeigler's Paradise Valley Organic Farm: From Milton take Route 254 east past the I 80 truck stop. Continue another 2 ½ miles to Strick Road. (Look for a garage with red doors on the right.) At Strick Road turn left. Drive north on Strick Road through Limestoneville. Continue another ½ mile north to Zeigler Road (Strick Road makes a sharp right turn.) Drive north on Zeigler Road for approximately ¼ mile. Look for Box 51 on the left. Turn left and follow the driveway into the farm.



**Sunday, April 17: 8 am Canoe Buffalo Creek and learn about the vital role this waterway plays in the ecological health of the Central Susquehanna Valley.** Canoe rides are hosted by the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance and the Canoe Susquehanna's Betsy and Allan Quant. Advance paid reservations are required; call 523-4912.



**Sunday, April 17: 12:30 pm Tour Allenwood State Gamelands on hay bales with experienced guides.** Assemble at Union County Courthouse parking lot on South Second Street, Lewisburg. Reservations are strongly advised as seating is limited. Call 524-8666 or write to [conserve@ptd.net](mailto:conserve@ptd.net).

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**Saturday, April 23: 10 am It's Earth Day! Celebrate with Caring for Communities on a bike ride along the Conservancy's Rural Routes.** Choose your level of difficulty---a 10, 20, or 30 mile ride. Cyclists will assemble at the Dale/Engle/Walker House. Helmets are required.



**Saturday, April 23rd: 1:30 pm Wildflower Walk.** Dahle Bingaman will lead participants along White Thorn Run and Penns Creek in Hartley Township. Assemble at the parking area at the rear of the Four Bells Church west of Mifflinburg on the south side of Route 45 for the trip to Glen Iron area.



**Sunday, April 24: 12 Noon to 5 pm Caring Grand Event.** Student environmental exhibits and conservation/outdoor activities, information kiosks. Healthy light lunch, snack foods and drinks will be available starting at noon. Educational hands-on activities and exciting live animal presentations that start on the hour will be held at the Dale/Engle/Walker property red shed.

1 pm award-winning bat rehabilitator Robyn Graboski explains and demonstrates the secret lives of bats.

2 pm participants will have an opportunity to build their own bat houses under the supervision of Union County Conservation District's environmental educator Greg Bonsall.

3 pm veteran animal rehabilitator Ed Reish of the Farragut Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will present owls and other birds of prey.

4 pm Clyde Peeling of Reptiland offers a display of live reptiles and amphibians, some native to the area.



**Sunday, April 24 7:30 pm Return to the Dale/Engle/Walker house for an "Evening Sounds and Owl Prowl" with Mifflinburg teacher Joe Southerton who will escort participants along the Dale's Ridge Trail's riparian corridor.**



**Friday, April 29th. Arbor Day 6 - 7 pm Take a Tree Walk with members of the Lewisburg Shade Tree Commission.** Beginning at Kidsburg on St.Louis Street between South Fifth and Sixth streets, Lewisburg, and ending up an hour later in Soldiers' Memorial Park along the Susquehanna river. Children are welcome.

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