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## Spring 2004

### *Educational Events:*

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#### **Register Now by April 18<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Dinner on April 28<sup>th</sup>**

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This year's annual dinner will be held at Carriage Corner in Mifflinburg on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. As always the annual dinner will be an evening of good food and fellowship shared with members and friends of the Linn Conservancy. The menu includes chicken picatta, pasta with garlic and vegetables, sugar snap peas, seasoned red potatoes, baked corn, tossed salad, ending with carrot cake and beverage, all for \$17.50 tax and tip included. A social time starting at 6 PM that will include punch with cheese and crackers and a cash wine bar.

As always, there will be an interesting presentation on an environmental issue of regional importance, but the difference this year is that the annual dinner will be one of the high points in a series of events in upper Northumberland and Union counties called "Caring for Communities" (see below and the enclosed passport of events). Our new video on Union County's Buffalo Creek Watershed will debut that night and introduced by the scriptwriter Shawn McLaughlin. You will have an opportunity to learn about your water supply network and its future—which depends on you!

Please send in the enclosed dinner reservation form by April 18. See you there.

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#### **Round Table to Feature Conservancy Issues on April 11<sup>th</sup>**

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Neal Fogle, Brian Auman, and Shawn McLaughlin, of Penn State Extension, Seda-COG and the Union County Planning Department respectively, will be talking, along with the Conservancy's coordinator, about community resource issues as an introduction to the Caring for Communities events the following week. Be sure to tune in at 11 AM on WKOK.

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## **Our New Caring for Communities Events Run from April 25-May 1**

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*Caring for Communities is a series of family-oriented events in the Linn Conservancy service area of Union and upper Northumberland counties that will focus on preserving special lands—their importance, enhancement—by focusing on animals/plants and habitat issues as barometers of communities environmental well being. The overall long-term goal: to annually raise land use/caring issues in a series of educational/fun/family events by like-minded groups within the service area partnering together in an event organized by the Linn Conservancy.*

Acting upon the suggestion of Conservancy member and then board member, Brian Gockley, a steering committee composed of Shawn McLaughlin, Union County Planner, Bill Deitrick of the Union County Conservation District, Neal Fogle from Penn State Extension began planing a family oriented educational event with Brian and Jeannette Lasansky, the Conservancy's Coordinator. That was a year ago. Starting this fall the concept broadened as others in the community began to share the vision and this year's events and its name bears the stamp of their collective thinking. The Linn Conservancy is grateful to the significant time spent in the planning and execution of this large event by so many individuals and organizations. We hope you as members can enjoy as many of these educational opportunities as possible and that this advance notice helps you clear the decks to do so. The events are free except where noted on the enclosed schedule of events which will also serve as your passport should you wish to participate for a prize We thank those area businesses that have supported this event: Maison Boisee B&B run by Suzanne Murzda, Anni's B&B run by member Ann Longanbach, Gabriel's Inn run by members John & Nancy Showers, and the cycling businesses: Buffalo Valley OutDoors, Campus Cycle & Fly Fishing Center, and Zimmerman's Bike Shop.

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## **Montandon Community Days May 29-30 Includes Bird Walk in Montandon Marsh and Video**

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Come join the fun at Montandon Community Days on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday May 30. The Conservancy starts this community event off with a bird walk at 8 AM in the morning. Assemble at the parking lot of the Montandon Elementary School just before 8 AM. Bring binoculars and wear sensible footwear. Later in the day join the fun in the village where there will be a chicken barbecue, food and craft vendors, a long parade and the showing of our Montandon Marsh video in the West Chillisquaque Township building (shown at 11 AM, noon, 1, 2 and 3 PM), located behind the Montandon Post Office. Any questions about the days or if you want to help at our table please contact member Lettie Davis through the office at 524-8666. Lettie is chairing our participation in this event.

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## **Halfway Run Environmental Center Events and Butterfly Presentation**

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Those who attended SnowFest in February had a wonderful time. Now it is spring and a series of new events are planned at the Halfway Run Environmental Center and the Sheary-Linn Amphitheatre. The latter was built, and both educational areas furnished, with the support of the Linn Conservancy through two successful Sheary grants. A complete schedule of events is available by calling the park at 570-966-1455, weekdays between 8 AM and 4 PM or their website.

Also, on Wednesday, April 14 there is a presentation called "Enhancing the Woodland Habitat for Butterflies" by Bob Snetisinger, sponsored by the Woodland Owners of Centre County at 7:30 p.m. in the Foxdale Village Auditorium in State College. Contact Kathy Ryba at (814) 355-5949 or rx7@psu.edu

## ***Our Environment Matters:***

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## **Hartley Township Riparian Corridors and Open Space Receive Permanent Protection**

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The end of December saw the placement of a perpetual conservation easement with **Carl and Faye Oberheim of Glen Iron RD**. Two of their properties in Hartley Township, Union County, which encompass just over 133 acres are being permanently protected due to their stewardship vision of their land, the commitment of their family to their dream, and the interest and resources of the Linn Conservancy in seeing the dream become reality.

The Oberheim property is an open field, woodland, and riparian complex and provides habitat to a wide variety of wild flowers such as early saxifrage, spotted wintergreen, rattlesnake weed, pussy toes, winterberry, baby toes, and pyrolas and a wide-variety of migratory and nesting birds such as woodcock, osprey, and wild turkey as well as the riparian corridors of Penns Creek and White Thorn Run. This is a wonderful animal habitat and one that can be viewed from the road thereby protecting one of many viewsapes that we too often take for granted until destroyed.

This is the second property owner in Hartley Township to place a conservation easement on their land with the Linn Conservancy. We thank the site/stewardship committee for their work on this as well as Owen Anderson and Nancy Wottrich for creating baseline documentation documents and attorney Daniel J. Clement, a member, for all his pro bono legal support. These people all made the easement happen.

This spring we plan to host a get together at the site for neighbors who might consider placing easements to implement their land stewardship goals—perpetually.

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### **Linn Trail Snapshots** *by Owen Anderson*

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“What kind of community service shall we do this year?”

“Something that benefits lots of different people!”

“Something that lasts!”

“Something every one of us can do, from two-year-olds to oldest members!”

“Something outdoors!”

“I heard that the Linn Conservancy is looking for groups to do trail maintenance.”

“That’s in line with the principle ‘to promote respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.’”

“Let’s do it!”

This discussion at the annual meeting of the Joseph Priestley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship more than a decade ago has resulted in twice-yearly treks to the mile-long Linn Trail in northwestern Union County. Laden with loppers, pruners, orchard saws, the chain saw, and plenty of determination to clear the blow-downs and abundant blueberry and laurel growth from the trail, from two to ten families hike along the Mid-State Trail from Mohn Mill Rd to the marker for the Linn Trail.

“How high?”

“Higher than a backpack under rain-drooped branches.”

“How wide?”

“Wide enough to keep pants’ legs dry.”

“If you remove the branch at the crotch, you won’t leave an unnatural, snagging stub.”

“I throw stick, Mommy.”

“I found a teaberry for you and one for me.”

“Look, there’s a deer!”

In crisp fall sun and chilly spring rain; in unexpected September heat, drought so severe the leaves are gone in August and in damp so extensive that new springs have bubbled up and carved new runnels, the Fellowship has cleared the trail and enjoyed the surroundings. Cory spots small trout vanishing under floating leaves. Alex and his dad explore salamander eggs that cloud the vernal pools. A red eft crosses the path. Amanda finds an ovenbird nest in blueberries right beside the trail. Two redstarts argue over insect-hunting rights near the pools. A male hooded warbler calls from the slope, but it takes twenty minutes to spot him. Easier to see are the tiny red British soldiers marching on their emerald field.

Clip, snick, toss. “How’s your mother doing?”

Clip, clip. “How did the watershed meeting go?”

Snap, snap. “Do you remember the words to ‘Lone Wild Bird’?”

“Hey, Charlie and Jared say there is another tree down ahead, and more people are needed to hold it so the chain saw won’t bind!”

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“We can move this half!”

“What’s the greatest number of trees down we’ve ever found?”

"Nine."

"How long will it take?"

"Usually an hour but once it took five hours with hikes back to the car for more gas and more chain oil."

"Don't you get bored with hiking the same piece of woods so often?"

"Well, perhaps after the fifth time. But after the tenth you are caught up in the changes over time. The chance for intimate knowledge of a natural space is rare."

"Hey, there's the sign for the Mid-State Trail; we're all done!"

"Time for the picnic."

"I wonder whether we'll vote to do this again next year?"

Anyone and everyone are welcome to join the JPUUF on trail maintenance days or any other projects/meetings/adventures. Call 966-3659 for information. To experience the site yourself use these directions.

DIRECTIONS to the Linn Trail, designed for the Conservancy by the late Richard Brown of Montandon:

*From the main loop turn left onto White Deer Pike (becomes Sugar Valley Narrows Rd.) and travel about 15 mi. paralleling White Deer Creek. After crossing Rte. 80, turn right onto Zimmerman Rd. (the first right turn). Follow it for 3 mi. and then turn right onto Mohn Mill Rd. Go 1 mi. to where orange blazes mark the Mid-State Trail. Walk to the right (east on the MST) 1/2 mi. past the first trailhead to the second head of the Merrill Linn Trail, a 1 mi. "blue blaze" loop.*

*Alternately, take Rte. 80 west from Rte. 15 to the Mile Run exit (#29). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp and then right at the first stop sign onto Sugar Valley narrows Rd. Cross Rte. 80 and turn right onto Zimmerman Rd. (the first right) and follow directions given from the main loop in the preceding paragraph.*

*White Deer Pike, Sugar Valley Narrows Rd., Zimmerman Rd., and Mohn Mill Rd. are mountain roads, which may be unsuitable for some vehicles and/or may be closed to traffic at certain times of the year*

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### **Making Tracks** *Mark Molesevich, member*

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*"We shall never achieve harmony with land, any more than we shall achieve absolute justice or liberty for people. In these higher aspirations the important thing is not to achieve, but to strive." Aldo Leopold*

From supermarkets and parking lots to hog farms and bypasses; the Central Susquehanna Valley has its share of land use controversies. Are we pleased with the type of growth occurring in our area? Is it good growth? Should we accept any type of growth because of a poor economy, even with negative effects on the land, traffic, and communities? It is time to raise our land use standards, level of discussion, expectations, and question the quality land use and growth in the Central Susquehanna Valley. We can do much better and we should settle for no less.

Most land use decisions occur on the local and county levels. Are our local elected officials, planners, and economic development officials aware of the latest theories and policies related to sound land use, growth, and development? Do these leaders know the basic concepts of smart growth? Our regional leaders need some basic land use education and training on smart growth and sustainable theories and policy. Without this, we will continue changing our landscape with more auto dependent, strip malls and isolated housing developments where residents must drive everywhere.

We need to ask more questions. Do too many municipalities make land use decisions easier or more difficult? Do current zoning regulations, which are based on placing limited uses in specific areas, create more sprawl, encourage inefficient development, and more traffic problems or fewer? Do more highways reduce traffic or create more traffic from inefficient and auto dependent development?

In other areas, these and other land use questions have been answered through public dialog before controversies arise. There are many examples of smart growth and numerous sources of information. Use the key words, "Smart Growth" on any Internet search engine for many links to excellent sources of information.

There are local examples of smart growth and efficient land use in our older, grid-like, walkable villages and boroughs with mixed uses and compact building designs at appropriate scales. Unfortunately, we do not have any new examples of smart growth, either residentially or commercially, because local new growth has been entirely auto dependent, single use, with no sidewalks, and spread out over too much acreage.

New growth can be less auto dependent, more compact, use less land, and be more pedestrian friendly with simple smart growth principles.

1. Minimize dependency on automotive vehicles for mobility in designs and include narrow roads, which slow traffic, and parking to rear of buildings with screening and storm water controls.

2. Maximize design for pedestrian use, trails, and bicycles and install wide sidewalks with streets and buildings to appropriate scales in commercial and residential areas. Connect other areas with trails, bike paths, or other walkways.
3. Allow for mixed uses, zone more by building type and less by building use. Include sidewalks that can lead from residential areas to commercial districts for dining, entertainment, and other related services such as banking, postal, and human services (doctors, dentists, etc.)
4. Promote redevelopment of brownfields and existing developed areas instead of virgin land or farmland. Current environmental regulations allow for relief of liability for new buyers and developers on contaminated sites.
5. Do not place senior or elderly housing projects in remote areas so they become auto dependent for necessary goods and services and then isolated when they cannot drive. Allow seniors to mix into communities close to amenities.
6. Encourage and promote regional planning and zoning where several municipalities merge so that you can reduce the specific land uses such as highway commercial, which increases traffic congestion.

Smart growth does not limit economic development but provides more choice and opportunity through the wise and efficient use of resources. It can make neighborhoods instead of developments. It reduces the cost of transportation because it provides options to always using automotive vehicles for daily tasks. It builds better, closer and safer communities, reduces environmental impacts, and preserves more open space and farmland.

*Mike Molesevich is a member of the Linn Conservancy, is an environmental consultant, and is a former mayor of Lewisburg. He can be reached at [menviro@ceinetworks.com](mailto:menviro@ceinetworks.com)*

Enclosed in this *Log* issue is an article that complements member Molesevich's article. Also, the Conservancy is exploring with the Union County Planning Commission and others the possibility of a countywide conservation measure. Pennsylvania ranks fourth nationwide in county and municipal passed conservation-related ballot measures with 44 from 1998-2003. New Jersey leads with 250, Massachusetts with 83, Colorado with 58 and nipping at our heels is NY with 42. We will give you an update on the latest thinking on this issue in the fall *Log*.

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### **Exotic Pests Feed on Pennsylvania's State Tree** *by Rance Harmon*

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Eastern hemlock, an attractive evergreen tree with small, flat needles, is a favorite among Pennsylvanians but also a favorite of many insect and arachnid pests: the elongate hemlock scale, spider mite, hemlock rust mite, hemlock borer, hemlock looper, and the now infamous hemlock woolly adelgid. If you live anywhere in Pennsylvania, except the westernmost part of the state, now is the time to check your hemlocks for the infestation of this soft-bodied aphid relative. According to Shahla Werner, DCNR Forest Entomologist, the hemlock woolly adelgid's egg sacs are especially visible in the wintertime.

Originally from Japan, the hemlock woolly adelgid has traveled throughout the Eastern United States by way of wind, and by hitchhiking on birds, plants, mammals and humans. In the 35 years since it was first discovered in Pennsylvania, the hemlock woolly adelgid has spread to 43 counties, north to Bradford, south to Somerset, and as far west as Allegheny. Look for discolored, gray-green needles with white, woolly sacs on the underside. Hemlock woolly adelgid sucks the sap from the tree causing a loss of foliage and eventually leads to branch and tree mortality.

To help stop the spread of the hemlock woolly adelgid and other exotic pests such as the elongate hemlock scale, Werner encourages landowners to clip heavily infested branches, dispose of them by burning, and to avoid moving foliage around. Placing a bird feeder in a hemlock stand could also aggravate the spread.

In some areas of Pennsylvania the elongate hemlock scale is of greater concern than the hemlock woolly adelgid. "There are some sites, particularly in Lycoming County, where there's virtually no hemlock woolly adelgid, but lots of elongate hemlock scale," says Werner. Trees infested with elongate scale will have yellow needles with waxy coverings on the underside that protect the insect while it feeds.

Last year, the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Forest Pest Management (FPM) Division began releasing a specialized beetle species that feeds on the elongate hemlock scale. For the past four years, FPM has also released a specialized beetle that feeds on the hemlock woolly adelgid. Since this beetle predator lies dormant in the winter while the hemlock woolly adelgid proliferates, FPM is currently assisting Virginia Polytechnic Institute in their research to find a beetle that will eat the winter generation of this exotic pest. So far, 300 of the new beetles have been released. Werner estimates that it could take another ten years before the three beetle species provide a permanent source of control.

FPM does not recommend beetles for commercial use. "If you own hundreds of acres of hemlocks it might be appropriate, says Werner. "But for localized woodlots it's too expensive and the beetles do tend to migrate. Because the hemlock woolly adelgids are so prolific you'd really need a lot of beetles to control them."

To learn more about hemlock pests, visit [www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/fpm.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/forestry/fpm.aspx) or request a free fact sheet on the hemlock woolly adelgid from FPM, 717-948-3941. The Penn State Cooperative Extension also has a fact sheet about hemlock woolly adelgid. To request a free copy, contact the Forest Stewardship Program: 1-800-235-WISE.

## ***People, Businesses, and Organizations Effect Change:***

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### **Changes on Board and Chief Administrator**

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Judith Ellis, recently retired from Bucknell's admission office, East Buffalo Township resident, and longtime member of the Linn Conservancy has just joined the Conservancy's Board of Directors while Jeannette Lasansky, the Conservancy's first president (1988-1992) and first coordinator (1996-current) will be retiring at the end of this calendar year. Last August, Jeannette submitted a letter outlining her desire to bring to fruition a number of projects while setting her ultimate sights on more Maine-based activities as she starts shifting gears. A piece written by Jeannette, on surveying the Conservancy's growth will appear in the fall *Log*.

A coordinator job description, prepared for circulation, is enclosed. Any questions please direct to Wayne McDiffett who will become President in May and chair of the search committee. The job description can be sent by e-mail from the office to parties you think might be interested and qualified.

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### **Local Teacher Receives John G. Clark Environmental Award**

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David A. Himes, who teaches Earth Science for 9<sup>th</sup> graders at the Lewisburg High School, will begin collecting and analyzing creek water samples with his students starting next fall through the purchase a Hach Water Pollution Laboratory. The students will measure pH, nitrate, phosphate, ammonia, and dissolved oxygen levels at several locations within the Buffalo Creek Watershed.

The purchase of this material and equipment is made possible through the Linn Conservancy's John G Clark Environmental Award. The award is made possible by memorial gifts that honor the late John Clark, botanist and former Conservancy President and board member.

Other teachers who have benefited from our support in the past have been Sandra Bachjek at the Watsonstown Christian Academy, Mike Yeager at the Milton High School and Elizabeth Sterling at the Lewisburg High School. Teachers, home schooling groups, 4-H and scout leaders from the areas covered by the Mifflinburg, Lewisburg, and Milton school districts are eligible for support of up to \$500 on local environmental projects. The grant is competitive and the application period will reopen next December.

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### **Mary Koons Donates an Animal Quilt for Caring for Communities Habitat Event**

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"It's a cat" or rather many geometric cats that interconnect in a wonderful rust and green lap quilt/large wall hanging that Mary Koons has donated to the Linn Conservancy as a fundraiser. A raffle on the one-of-a kind quilt that reflects our animals and habitat theme for "Caring for Communities" will debut at the kick off event and will be seen at area events from late April through the Christkindl Market in Mifflinburg. Seeing first hand is the best way to understand how wonderful the piece is and how beautiful the fabric choices are (always evidenced in a Koons' quilt). Members will have opportunity to match Mary's generosity as well as to be a winner through a mailing in the fall.

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### **John G. Clark White Oak Seedlings Still Available for Purchase Before Early April**

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There are still a few available special white oak seedlings nurtured by member Mark Holman for purchase with a recommended late March/early April pickup date. Please call Mark directly at 966-2222 if you are interested. This is the last year they will be available.

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### **Koons' Trail Volunteers Update**

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Joe Southerton, chief trail steward of the Koons' Trail in Mifflinburg, thanks those who have helped maintain the trail in 2003: the New Berlin Lucky Clovers, who are members of the Conservancy, Lyle Hobart, and the Southerton family while Steve Styers and Kathryn Kopchik have been making sure the kiosks are supplied with brochures

and looking good. Joe is looking for some additional people willing to "adopt-a-month" at the trail. If you are interested, please call the Conservancy at 522-0487 or write to us at P.O. Box 501, Lewisburg, PA, or [conserve@ptd.net](mailto:conserve@ptd.net).

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### **Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance Board for 2004**

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The BCWA Alliance thanks those who responded to the recent winter *Linn Log* article and insert by joining this effort. The Buffalo Creek Watershed of the Linn Conservancy recently had a meeting at which new board members were elected who are:

Carl Kirby, Associate Professor of Geology and Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences at Bucknell University has conducted numerous studies of acid mine drainage with students and colleagues since coming to Bucknell in 1993 from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. He has studied the nearby Shamokin Creek watershed extensively, and has written successful grants to assess and clean up mine pollution. Carl is presently studying acid precipitation in Buffalo Creek and other local watersheds.

Jerry Partica grew up and went to school in Selinsgrove and then received BS in Ecology and Environmental Science at Juniata College. He has many interests relating to the outdoors such as hunting, fishing, and backpacking and is chaperone for the Selingsrove High School Outdoors Club and each spring takes groups of juniors and seniors backpacking, rock climbing, and white water rafting.

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### **Adopt-a-Road Dates Set: April 18 and June 13**

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If you are interested in helping to clean up the road along Penns Creek in Limestone Township, please call Carla Watson of the Conservancy at 524-8666 or write <[conserve@ptd.net](mailto:conserve@ptd.net)> and leave your name and number. Member Jo Reilly, substituting for Geoff Goodenow who is on sabbatical this year, will get back to you. The group usually assembles for lunch at the picnic pavilion beside the creek and then works for an hour or so on the section of road that the Linn Conservancy adopted more than a decade ago.

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### **Volunteers Needed**

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The Linn Conservancy has been seeking ways to raise funds for Conservancy programs and at the same time provide appealing educational and recreational opportunities for members and the general public. Given our recent connection to the Walker House, where the Conservancy's office is now maintained, as well as the Conservancy's long-standing Dale's Ridge Trail located on Walker House land, the Board proposes to hold a raffle in 2005 for an alfresco dinner on the house grounds or porch in early September followed by a very special presentation on a conservation-related topic pertinent to our local area. The winning ticket holder plus several guests of the winner's choosing would comprise the guest list for the evening. To do this, however, requires volunteer support to plan the event, select the menu, handle the cooking, serve the meal, etc. If you would consider helping in some capacity, please call Nancy or Roger Curran at 523-0783. The Conservancy will soon make a decision on whether to proceed and, if it is a "go," initial planning will begin in September. This would be an excellent way to support the Conservancy and have some fun at the same time. Let us hear from you!

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### **Members Help Linn Conservancy Meet Its Goals through Gifts and Time**

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As non-profit organizations such as the Linn Conservancy mature, estate planning, including planned giving and bequests is important. Such planned gifts form the basis for endowment growth and long-term visioning of the organization while membership dues and annual unrestricted gifts support the group's annual budget as well as grants for special projects done in one or multiple years. The Conservancy's **Heritage Club** is composed of those who have made bequests, executed planned giving documents, placed conservation easements on land, or made land gifts part of their environmental stewardship agenda. Roger Curran, past-president and current board secretary, has written the enclosed material on the Conservancy's Heritage Club. We ask that you give consideration to this option. The newest members of the **Heritage Club** are Carl & Faye Oberheim, long time members from the Glen Iron area.

Thanks to members who since early December have made donations, additional financial gifts, and/or increased their level of giving: Ethel Ruhl, Jean Ruhl, June Hoyle, Pete, Nancy, Allen & Annie Macky, Dorris J. Keen, Carol Ingald, Martin Ligare, the *Mifflinburg Telegraph*, and Suzanne & Paul McGuire

Thanks to Beth Clark of Maine for her major contribution to the John G. Clark Memorial Fund, which supports the environmental work of area educators and is named for her son, the late botanist and educator. David Heim is the latest recipient of the Clark Award.

Thanks to Jeff Bowers and the Lasanskys for underwriting the appearance of T&D Cats at the Caring for Communities kick off event.

Thanks to the John C. Snook family for donating two halves of a dressed pig as one of the major prizes for Caring for Communities passport participants.

Thanks to David & Vicki Heberlig and Joe Keller who prepared this newsletter for mailing.

Thanks to member Diane Specht who is coordinating our *Item* column and to recent writers: Steve Styers (January, Hanna Holm (March) and Diane (July). Diane is also coordinating all the public relations efforts for the Caring for Communities events and has joined the Conservancy's Development Committee.

Thanks to member Ann Gelnett who keeps track of all of our events and presentations as the historian in charge of the Linn Conservancy scrapbooks. We will have an opportunity to look at the scrapbooks at the annual dinner and at other times at the DEW house.

Thanks to Conservancy members who are working to make the Caring for Communities events a big success: Mark Berg, Bob Deffner, Lettie Davis, John Fernsler, Brian Gockley, Hannah Holm, Tom Gibson, Rose Ann Koons, Pete Macky, John Fernsler, Geoff Goodenow, Roy Fontaine, Dick Nickelsen, Clyde Peeling, Dotti Zimmerman, Cecil Peterson, Nancy Curran, Joe Southerton, John Snook, and Jace Watson.

### ***In Brief:***

Thanks to the following individuals and organizations outside the Conservancy who worked on the Caring for Communities events in addition to those already mentioned in the *Log* are: Mark Lawrence and Sandy Paul of WKOK, Brian Auman of SEDA-COG, Jennifer Bergy and Mike Yeager of the Milton School District, Shanon Burkland of UCCD, farmers Mark Dersham and Bucky Ziegler, T & D Cats, Heather House of PASA, Karen Ely and Angie Foltz of NCCD, Ed Reish a raptor specialist, Gil Hirschel of the Susquehanna River Commission, the Quants of Canoe Susquehanna as well as Jake Engle, Gary Slear and Tony Shively of the Union County Historical Society.

Thanks to Emily Blair, designer of our web site, who has designed a post card to be used to get people to the site using an image from the home page that captures the thought "Come alight upon our site [www.linnconservancy.org](http://www.linnconservancy.org)". Also, Emily has generously paid for our many months out in cyber space.

Please Note: Your dues are due if there is a "We Miss You" red stamp here. You should find a handy business reply envelope enclosed for your convenience. Please help us meet our goals by replying as quickly and as generously as you possibly can this year. Thank you for your past support; it is the foundation upon which the Conservancy relies.