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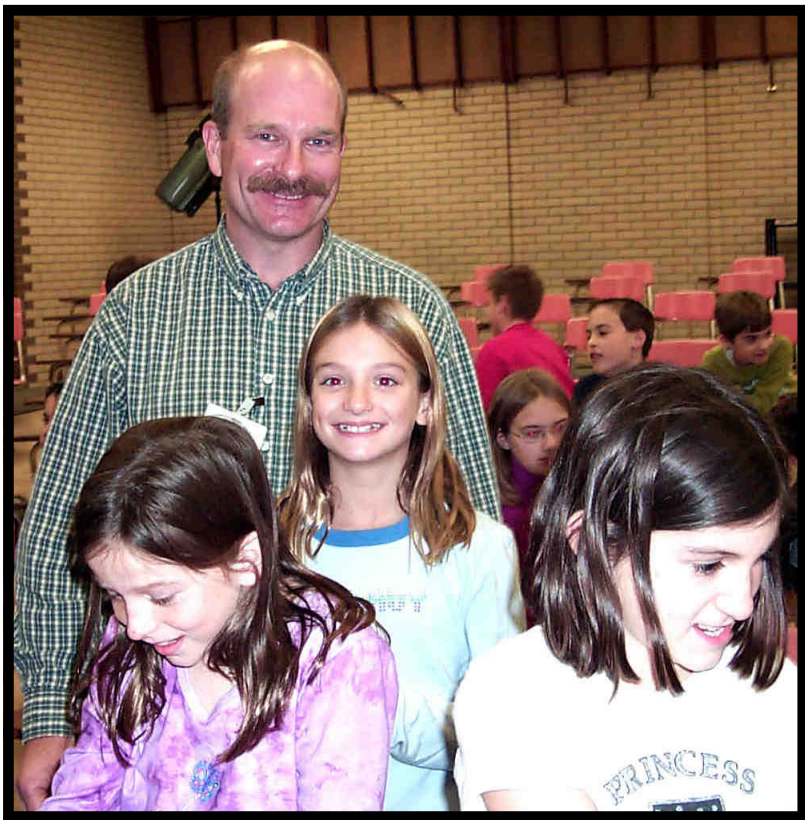
SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday December 13 @ 7:00 PM, Jennings Environmental Education Center, Pizza and Pop will be provided!! 11/08/01 meeting attendance: C. Cooper, F. Brenner, V. Kefeli, M. Dunn, T. Danehy, C. Treter, D. Funkhouser, C. Denholm, K. Denholm, W. Taylor, M. Stapleton, B. Beran

Aquascape and Quality Aggregates Educate Boyce School Fifth Graders on Importance of Wetlands

On Friday, November 9, 2001, **Bob Beran** of **Aquascape**, and **Joe Aloe** of **Quality Aggregates**, spoke to a classroom of approximately 50 5th grade students at the **Boyce School** in Upper St. Clair on the importance of wetlands. Bob Beran demonstrated the functions and values of wetlands by involving the students in a "Pick your Wetland Metaphor" activity. Bob Beran also brought examples of wetland and upland soils to demonstrate unique hydric soil identification features. With the aid of **Will Taylor, PA DCNR Jennings Environmental Education Center**, Bob Beran was able to obtain wetland informational packets and posters to give to each of the students.

Joe Aloe spoke to the students about the key role of limestone in providing alkalinity to neutralize acidic water in passive treatment systems. The students were enthused to each receive a piece of limestone containing fossils.



Bob Beran of Aquascape pictured with Julie Aloe and other 5th grade students of the Boyce School located in Upper St. Clair.



Unveiling *Accepting The Challenge!!!*

In October, we received the first copies of this remarkable book. As many of you know *Accepting The Challenge* is designed as a public outreach/education project to provide information about the history, cause, and solutions to abandoned mine drainage. The November 9 issue of *Watershed Weekly* includes an article entitled *Up Stream & Down Stream*, a summary of the book. If you were listening to WYEP or WDUQ on Tuesday the 20th of November you would have heard them announce the availability of the book. It was announced again on Saturday the 24th on WDUQ. There is more information about the book available on our web site www.srwc.org. We are very excited about how professional this book turned out. Congratulations Will Taylor, great job! Our congratulations also go out to Margaret Dunn, Shaun Busler, and others who assisted Will in his efforts.

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The Growing Greener Participants help celebrate receiving the 2001 Council of State Governments Innovations Award during the PA Watershed Conference at Split Rock. (SRWC participants pictured are: Valentine and Galena Kefeli, Shaun and Melissa Busler, Charles Cooper, Cliff Denholm, Jeff Reidenbaugh, Laurce Spencer, Tim Danehy, and Margaret Dunn.)

SRWC Participants Spotlight

Dr. Brenner Recognized With The Campus-Community Award



On November 14, Dr. Brenner and Allied News Editor Brad Isles were recognized for their efforts concerning Grove City College as well as the community. Dr. Brenner was recognized for these efforts in an October 31 article in the Allied News. The article went into great depth regarding all the different organizations and associations he is affiliated with. We are very proud of Dr. Brenner for being recognized with such a prestigious award.

Dr. Valentine Kefeli Speaks At MS3 Sustainable Systems Seminar Series



On November 28, Dr. Kefeli's topic was "Fabricated Soils for Landscape Rehabilitation." Also lecturing in the seminar series were students, former students and faculty at Slippery Rock University. Dr. Kefeli represented The Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition and Stream Restoration Inc. The lectures, that started in mid September, will conclude on December 5th. Great Job Dr. Kefeli, thank you for representing us so well at this function.

Deanna Funkhouser Joins The Team!



Deanna's fiancé, Chris Treter, was the intern with SRI over the summer. After getting to know everyone through the SRWC meetings, she came on board in late October. Deanna is a graduate of Grove City College with a degree in Business/Communications. Her role right now: get the office in order, keep up with bookkeeping and keep Tim on his toes.



The KIDS Catalyst

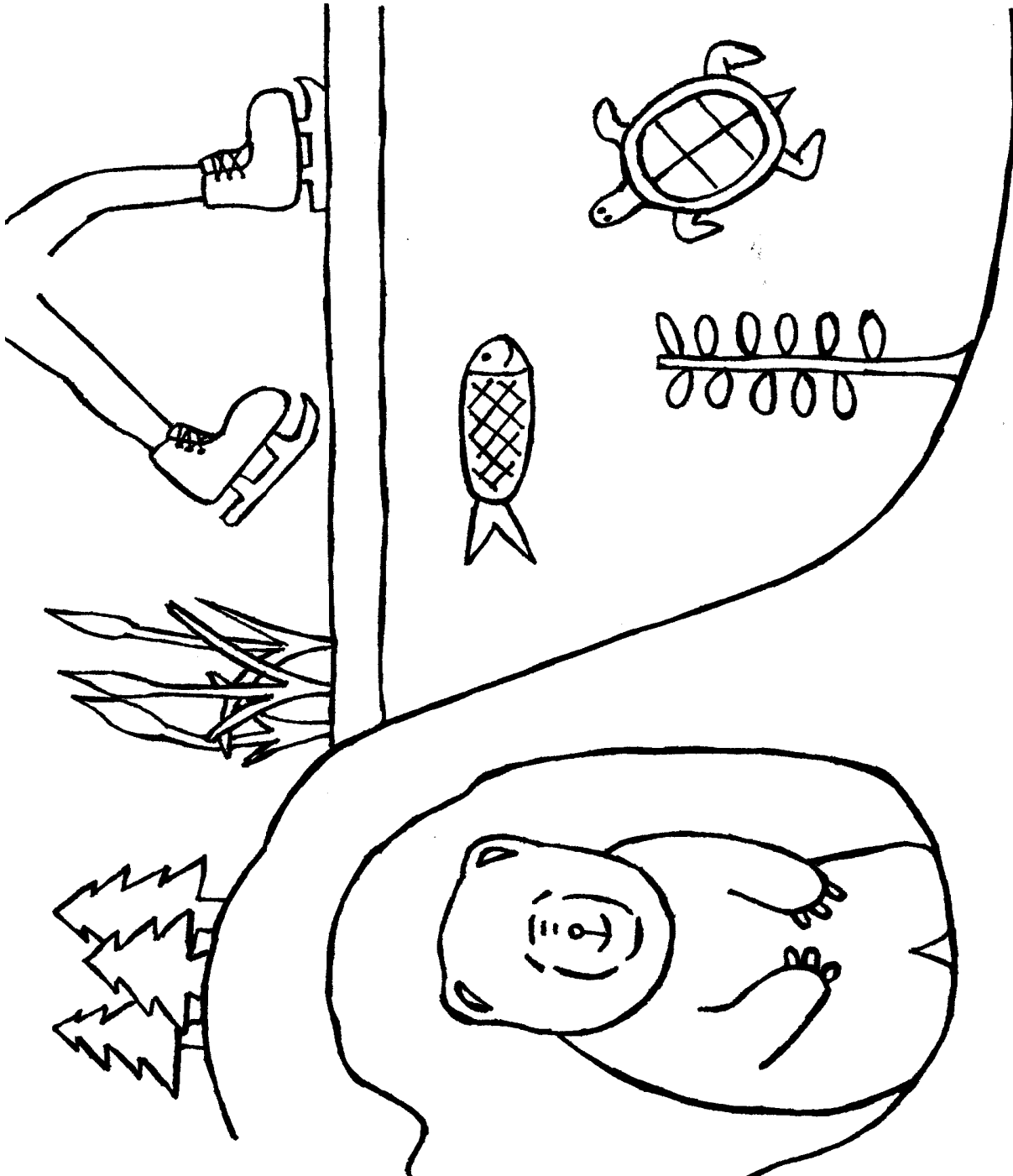
SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



Life Beneath The Snow and Ice

After the last leaf has fallen the cold weather comes. When it is cold we do not see the animals and the plants. But they are still there. Under all the snow and ice everything waits until spring when they can come out and enjoy the warm weather. Here are some pictures of things that are still alive, even when the weather is cold. The bear is hibernating in his cave, the fish and turtle are swimming under the ice, the plant is still alive under the water, and the cattails (even though they are brown) are alive and waiting for spring.

After you color them in mail them back to us to get a gift certificate.



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Watershed Weekly Recognizing SRWC

Margaret Dunn: Watershed Hero

Margaret was honored with the title Watershed Hero for the month of November. She was honored for her ongoing efforts to restore our watershed. The article written was a glowing one, highlighting her watershed public service message: "Make it happen." "You can do it. Just get out there and get things done." And Margaret has been getting it done for years now. This recognition is well deserved. Congratulations Margaret. Also included at the end of the article is a



three part interview with Margaret. You can listen to Margaret answer some interesting and thought provoking questions.

SRWC Recognized For It's Continuing Efforts

In the Watershed Weekly for November 26 the SRWC and SRI were the subject of the featured article. The article talks about the different work being done by SRWC. The Goff Station restoration site was the highlighted project. The Bat Hibernaculum stole the show, with good reason. It is the only one of it's kind on the east coast. Also highlighted was SRI and SRWC's involvement with a program called "Working Opportunities to Repay the Community." In addition, there are video interviews for online viewing. Those interviewed for the article are: Bob Beran, John Stoops, Jeff Ankrom, Jeff Reidenbaugh, and Shaun Busler. It is always nice to be recognized by your peers for doing something you love.



To learn more about the articles above visit: www.watershedweekly.org

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