

THE CATALYST

SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION MONTHLY ACTIVITIES UPDATE

THIS MONTH'S MEETING: Thursday May 8th at 7pm Jennings Environmental Education Center, pizza and pop will be provided. Due to the Symposium last month's meeting was canceled.

Come On And Join Us For The SRWC Annual Get-Together!



It is time for the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition's Annual Get-Together! Come and join us on Friday May 2nd from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Epiphany Catholic Church. It is located off of Forestville Rd. and State Route 308 in Boyers, PA.

We will have door prizes, pinatas, and displays about our restoration projects. So bring the whole family for good food and good times. For more information and/or directions call Deanna Treter at (724) 776-0161. Don't miss out on the FREE FOOD, DOOR PRIZES, AND MUCH MORE!!!!!!

8th Annual SRWC Symposium Has Largest Attendance Yet!!!

On Thursday April 10th, we assembled at Grove City College for, "Investigating Watershed Issues: Supporting Student Research Through Public/Private Partnerships." At 5:30pm, we all met and had cookies and punch while we mingled. At 6pm, our session moderator, **Steve Short**, a Junior Biology Major at Grove City College, started things off for a wonderful evening of information and networking. Special guest, **Eric Thumma**, Deputy Secretary for the PA DEP, came to hear the interesting research by the students. We had approximately 50 people attend!! Thank you **Grove City College** and **Dr. Fred Brenner**.



On Friday April 11th the Slippery Rock Watershed Coalition welcomed over 110 people to Jennings Environmental Education Center for the 8th Annual Symposium. The moderator for the program was **Deanna Treter**. Our key note speaker, PA DEP Deputy Secretary **Eric Thumma** (seen in the photo to the left) gave us some very inspiring words to start off our day of fun and learning. This year's SRWC Appreciation Award was presented to **John Foreman** for his pioneering work in watershed restoration. SRWC Internet Intern **Matt Bramble** also spoke.

Stream Restoration Inc. gave a presentation to prepare everyone for the interactive simulation. The presenters were; **Tim Danehy, Shaun Busler, Cliff Denholm**, and

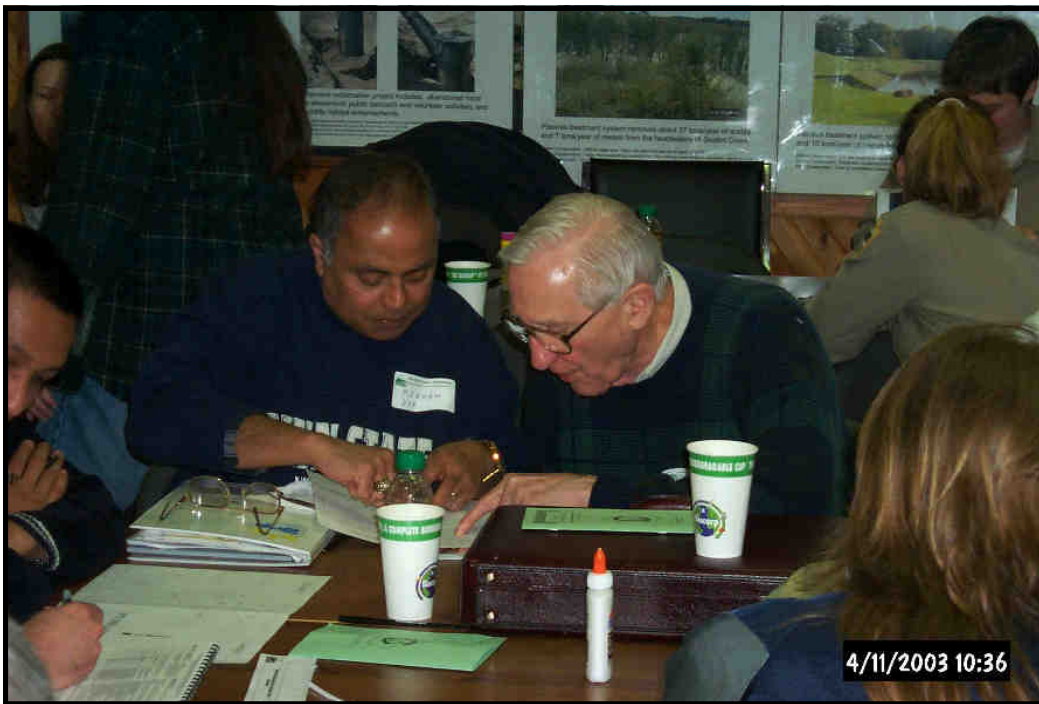
Deanna Treter. A tour of the Jennings facility was led by **Will Taylor** and **Dave Johnson**, then off to Erico Bridge to see on-going construction by Quality Aggregates. Thanks **John Stoops** and **Bob Beran** for helping with the tour!! Everyone had a good time and the preview of the SRWC video was a big hit! Special thanks to **Brian Staszal** who was on hand to videotape!



On Sunday April 13th **Richard Pawling** presented "History Alive, Fire in the Hole!" at Jennings Environmental Education Center. His presentation about the history of mining was wonderful and had those in attendance submersed in the rich mining history of Pennsylvania. Approximately 95 people were there for this very special experience.

We hope you were able to attend at least some portion of this year's symposium and that you were able to learn something new!!!

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PJ Shah, PA DEP, and **John Foreman**, Recipient of the 2003 SRWC Appreciation Award, working on the “Construct Your Own Passive Treatment System” simulation at the 8th Annual SRWC Symposium!

We’re Batting A Thousand!!!!!! “The Catalyst” Distribution Reaches Four Digits!

In October of 1996 “The Catalyst” began with a small distribution of about a dozen. In 1999, the distribution of the one page Catalyst had reached 400. In January of 2001 the Catalyst grew to the format you know today. It became 4 pages and the Kids Catalyst section was started. This first large issue was sent to 590 people. One year later the distribution had swelled to 817 of “The Catalyst.”

Last months April 2003 Catalyst had a distribution of 1,000!!!!!! The lucky number 1,000 was **Kristine Nowak** of New York City. This month the distribution is even higher at 1,015! It is sent to 6 continents around the world. Anyone know of anybody in Antarctica?? It is amazing how such a small idea can grow into something truly amazing. We hope that you enjoy receiving your copy of “The Catalyst” and you can rest assured we won’t stop at 1,000!

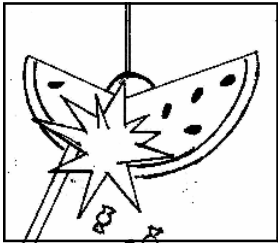
SRWC Out and About in Pittsburgh!!

PEC Environmental Partners Breakfast

On Wednesday March 19, **Margaret Dunn** and **Tim Danehy** attended the Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC) breakfast with **Don Welsh**, Regional Administration for US EPA Region III. The breakfast was held at the Engineers’ Society of Western PA’s main dining room. Thank you **Andrew McElwaine**, President and CEO of PEC, for inviting us!!

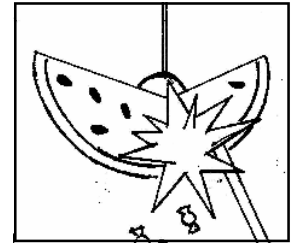
City Farmers of Pittsburgh!

On Wednesday March 26, **Margaret Dunn** and **Shaun Busler** gave a presentation titled, “Abandoned Mine Drainage, Impacts, and Solutions” at the City Farmers of Pittsburgh monthly lunch at the Brackenridge Heights Country Club in Natrona Heights. Thank you to **Dean Helfter** for inviting us to attend and speak at this function!!! We hope you all enjoyed our presentation!



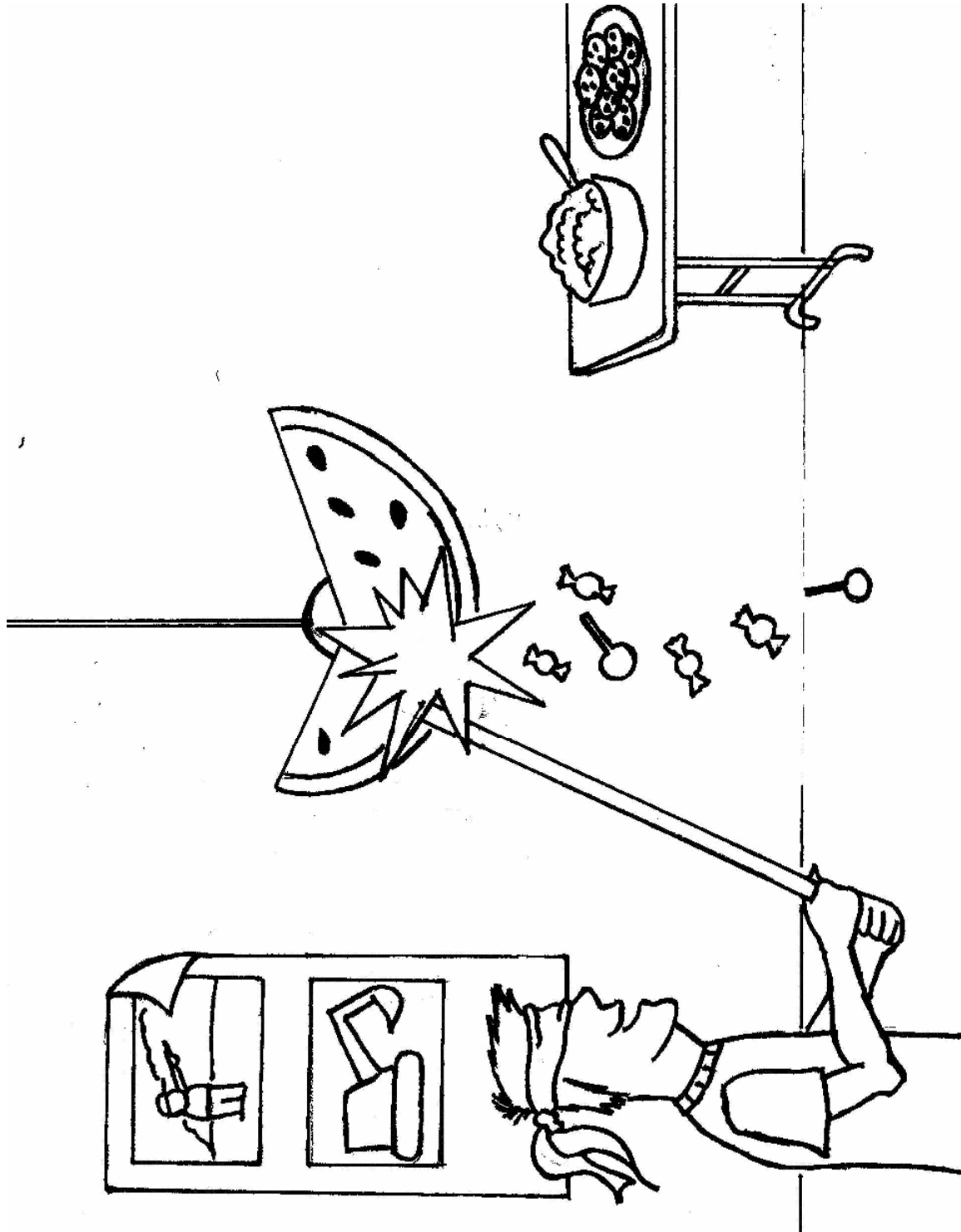
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SLIPPERY ROCK WATERSHED COALITION FUN ACTIVITY



SRWC Get-Together!!!!

As you read on the front of this months Catalyst, we will be having the Get-Together on Friday May 2nd at the Epiphany Catholic Church in Boyers. We hope that you will be able to join us for food, door prizes, and of course the piñatas! Color in the picture below of a kid breaking the watermelon piñata at the Get-Together. When you are done send it back to us for a free gift certificate. And don't forget to come and try breaking one of the piñatas filled with candy at the Get-Together!! See you there.



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Highlighting Other Partnership Efforts (HOPE!)

Camp Lutherlyn in Connoquenessing Township

Lutherlyn received a PA DEP Growing Greener Grant, Western PA Watershed Program, and a Butler County Environmental Mini-Grant to build a passive wetland treatment system capable of annually removing more than a ton of coal-mine drainage pollution from the Semiconon Run, which is a tributary of the Connoquenessing Creek. The Butler County Mini-Grant will be used to install educational signage at the treatment site.

The groundbreaking for their passive treatment system will take place during Lutherlyn's Annual Earth Day Celebration and Open House on Sunday, May 4th from 12:30pm—4:30pm. They will have a lot of really fun and interesting activities. Some of the things planned include: Barn Tour, Hay Rides, Kid's Egg Hunt, Campfire, Camp Tour, Crafts, Pony Rides, Pancake Festival and much much more.



The dedication of the passive treatment system will take place at 3:30pm in the Environmental Education Center Pavilion. Lutherlyn will be displaying and dedicating the educational signage that will be installed on the site. In addition they will break ground at the AMD Clean-Up Site. Local and state officials, as well as representatives from the DEP and other environmental organizations, have been invited to attend.

Camp Lutherlyn is located in Connoquenessing Township, just off of Route 422, seven miles west of the city of Butler. If you need more information please contact Heath Gamache or Todd Garcia-Bish at the Lutherlyn Environmental Education Program Office for more details: (724) 865-9079.

We are all in this together! The Groups Involved in This Endeavor: S.D. Graff Professional Surveying, Hedin Environmental, Connoquenessing Watershed Alliance, ECOZ, WPCAMR, Butler County Conservation District, Butler County Commissioners, Butler County Planning Commission, Thrivent Care Abounds Group, Robert Cichra, Aquascape Wetland and Environmental Services, Quality Aggregates, BioMost, Inc., Stream Restoration Inc., PA DEP Knox District Mining Office, Western Pennsylvania Watershed Program, Jackson Graphics.