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GATHER 'ROUND: National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Natural Resource Specialist Don Hamilton holds up a specimen of aquatic life to pass around to the 70 canoeists and kayakers breaking for a lunch program at Ten Mile River Landing on Day 1 of the 2004 Delaware River Sojourn June 7. Hamilton told the Sojourners, "This river is a reservoir of biodiversity. We're trying to do what we can to understand the ecosystem of this river and 'save all the parts'." (Photos by Laurie Ramie)

10th Sojourn Celebrates Wild and Scenic Rivers

For the 10th consecutive year, the Delaware River Sojourn raised awareness of the river's great diversity while promoting stewardship of its vital resources.

The theme for the June 7-14, 2004 event was "Celebrating a National Wild and Scenic River."

Throughout the eight-day event covering over 100 river miles in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, several notable anniversaries were celebrated as well.

Among those were the recent 35th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act (1968) and the 25th anniversary of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River designation (1978).

Chuck Barszcz, coordinator of the National Park Service Northeast Region's Wild and Scenic Rivers Program based in Philadelphia, was on hand with some 70

other Sojourners for the kick-off paddle from Narrowsburg to Minisink Ford, NY.

While the United States Congress has now designated 160 Wild and Scenic Rivers representing over 10,000 miles of free-flowing waterways, Barszcz said that the Upper Delaware will always have a historical claim to fame.

"The Upper Delaware is extremely special and important to this Wild and Scenic program. Unlike most of the rivers in the system, the federal government does not own all of the property along the river to protect its resource values. Here, we're trying a different model and this river is really the granddaddy of that new model of conservation," Barszcz said.

Evidence that the federal, state, and local partnership has been successful in implementing the River Management Plan

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Most land along the Upper Delaware River is privately owned. Please be considerate and don't litter or trespass. Thanks!

Senator Bonacic Floats Proposal For a Delaware River 'Greenway'

Described as "a form of economic development," Senator John J. Bonacic recently introduced a proposal for a Delaware River Greenway that could assist New York State river valley municipalities with community planning and coordination.

The senator told a packed audience of local officials and citizens that a 'greenway' or similar named organization would provide a state mechanism to optimize funding and assist regional planning needs.

There would be no impact on home rule, no property condemnation, municipalities may opt out, and the program could be administered by an existing organization.

"I'm not here selling snake oil. It's an opportunity that I see that we can drive some money to this river corridor. There is nothing in this legislation that will allow a town to diminish property rights. The reality is, growth is coming. If you can do some coordination on how you want this river valley to look, you can go about it collectively," Bonacic said.

At press time, conceptual support had been expressed by six towns: Deerpark, Lumberland, Highland, Tusten, Cocheton, and Delaware, prompting Senator Bonacic to move forward with drafting legislation.



DISCUSSING MERITS: New York State Senator John J. Bonacic, standing, explains the concept behind potential state legislation to create a Delaware River Greenway during an April 30 meeting held at the Upper Delaware Council office in Narrowsburg. (Photo by David B. Soete)

To provide an example of one type of greenway management structure, Bonacic had arranged for Hudson River Valley

Greenway (HRVG) Executive Director Carmella R. Mantello and Planner Rich Harris to attend the informational session.

The HRVG evolved from 60 members in 1991 to 210 municipalities (out of the 259 eligible to join), with a 15-person staff.

"The success has been from the bottom up. This is your corridor project. The state is not telling you how to do this," Mantello said of the grassroots-driven initiative.

Among the negative issues raised were concerns that this program would add another layer of bureaucracy and threaten private property rights.

Bonacic said that the legislation would be drafted with locally-approved provisions to assuage those fears. ❖



VISITOR CENTER: On April 5, Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey, Jr., left, announced that he has secured \$448,000 in the Federal Transportation bill for the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. to construct a visitor center at the Cocheton Station property on Route 97. Joining Rep. Hinchey at his Sullivan County Community College press conference were Sullivan County Legislators Kathy LaBuda and Chris Cunningham, and Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. Chairperson Larry H. Richardson. (Photo by Bill Douglass)

TAGs Due by 7/30

The Upper Delaware Council is accepting applications for its FY 2004 Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) program until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 30.

Since 1988, the UDC has awarded a total of \$517,691 to facilitate 143 projects.

A meeting of the UDC's Project Review Committee to review the applications will be held on Aug. 10. The UDC will vote on the grants at its Sept. 2 monthly meeting.

For information, contact UDC Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete at (845) 252-3022 or udcsoete@hvc.rr.com. ❖

Scientists Begin Upper Delaware Flow Needs Study

Fieldwork to create a map of the Upper Delaware River bottom and associated habitat conditions began in late April, kicking off a \$650,000 study of river flow needs that is scheduled for completion by 2006.

The study is being led by the U.S. Geological Survey Fort Collins Science Center and has been developed in collaboration with New York City, the Delaware Basin states, and other stakeholders through the Delaware River Basin Commission.

It will develop a state-of-the-art Upper Delaware aquatic habitat simulation model that will assess fisheries habitat needs in relation to flow by gathering information on how environmental conditions in the Neversink River, West Branch and East Branch Delaware, and upper mainstem Delaware change at different flow levels.

U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey (NY-22) earmarked \$400,000 from the Army Corps of Engineers in the Energy & Water Appropriations Bill for stream flow and habitat modeling, and secured \$250,000 for the USGS in the Interior Appropriations Bill to develop ecologically-based river flow recommendations.

"The Upper Delaware River and its tributaries constitute an ecological treasure," Hinchey said. "But river flows have been regulated using an outdated flow management system. I've been working closely with the Nature Conservancy, Trout Unlimited and other organizations on their initiatives to improve these flows and protect the aquatic health of these important ecosystems."

Study results will ensure that fishery and ecological needs are incorporated into a re-evaluation of New York City reservoir release policies and Delaware Basin water management in 2007. ❖

Fishery Plan Adopted

The Delaware River Basin Commission has approved a three-year, experimental augmented conservation release program.

The plan will be in effect from May 1, 2004-May 31, 2007 while discussions continue toward developing a long-term flexible program to manage releases from the New York City reservoirs to better address fisheries in the Delaware's tailwaters.

The program calls for minimum flow targets at Hale Eddy, Harvard, and Bridgeville. The revised drought operating plan for PPL Lake Wallenpaupack complements this interim plan.

For plan details, visit www.drbc.net. ❖



TOOL OF TRADE: Delaware River Master Stephen F. Blanchard displays a current meter tool that the U.S. Geological Survey uses to measure water velocity in gathering streamflow data during his program in Pond Eddy. Blanchard was honored as "Lord High Admiral" for Day 2 of the Sojourn on June 8.

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comes from observing that the 73.4-mile Upper Delaware River today "pretty much looks the same as it did" in 1978, Barscz said, thanks to that careful protection.

Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee Chairperson Suzanne Forbes was pleased to see many newcomers of all ages participating in this year's event.

"A big part of the Sojourn is to attract folks that have never been with us on the river before because our mission is educational," she explained.

Rick "Chip" Monk of Sydney, Australia was one of those first-timers. The 30-year-old professional photographer took a break from his summer counselor's job at Camp Speers Eljabar in Dingman's Ferry, Pa. to canoe with his friend, Sue Grimes.

"Being on the water has been the best part of this for me. I love being in the outdoors, what we call the bush," he said.

Monk will post photos from his Delaware adventure at www.rickmonk.com.

Day 2 of the Sojourn attracted 86 paddlers for the river trip from Minisink Ford to

Lander's Knight's Eddy Base.

Joining the group was Delaware River Master Stephen F. Blanchard of the U.S. Geological Survey based in Reston, Va., pulling triple duty as a canoeist, presenter, and "Lord High Admiral" honoree.

Blanchard discussed the 50th anniversary of the 1954 U.S. Supreme Court Decree that established the Office of the Delaware River Master to administer its provisions relating to yields, diversions, and releases of water from the New York City reservoirs, and collect data relevant to Delaware watershed conservation.

Upper Delaware programs were also delivered by NPS Ranger Don Hamilton on aquatic life and by historian Peter Osborne on the 1779 Battle of Minisink.

Sojourners who opted to stay overnight camped at Lander's Minisink Campground June 7 and 8, and enjoyed meals catered by Jill's Kitchen and Carini Pizzeria.

The river trip was sanctioned by the American Canoe Association. Members of the National Canoe Safety Patrol, celebrating its 25th anniversary, provided paddling guidance under the coordination of 10-year Sojourn veteran Dave Simon. ❖



ART INSPIRATION: In a new aspect of the Sojourn, several artists paddled along with the group to seek inspiration for paintings and drawings that will be displayed at three special gallery events later this year, with some proceeds benefiting the 2005 Delaware River Sojourn. Tom Conrad of Allentown, Pa. poses with his painting of Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct completed that day.

UDC Presents Annual Awards

The Upper Delaware Council's 16th Annual Awards Ceremony held April 25 at The Eldred Preserve in Eldred, NY, publicly recognized positive contributions made to the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Nine awards were presented during a dinner that featured a keynote address by U.S. Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Jr. (D-NY-22nd District).

Personal greetings were also offered by New York State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Chris Cunningham.

"The work that you do is so important for future generations," Gunther said.

Douglas N. Hay received the UDC's Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his active participation in the drafting and implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River; his furtherance of public understanding about Upper Delaware issues through his journalism career; and the significant contributions he has made to community service and historical preservation in Mill Rift and Westfall Township, Pa.

Fellow recipients were:

Partnership Award - The Visioning Committee of the Upper Delaware Corridor (facilitating river town communications).

Recreation Achievement Award - Sullivan County Community College Professor Tom Ambrosino and his Fall 2003 Graphic Arts Class (river safety poster design).



2004 HONOREES: Seated are Bruce Selneck (Oaken Gavel); Frederica Leighton representing the Lackawaxen River Conservancy (Community Service); Ed McNulty accepting for George T. Krause (Volunteer); and Richard B. Crandall (Community Service). Standing are, Chris White, district representative to Congressman Hinchey; Tom Kane, representing The Visioning Committee of the Upper Delaware Corridor (Partnership); Colin Apse (Special Recognition); Richard Grunn and Tasha Williams, representing Braman Arts Conservatory (Cultural Achievement); and UDC Chairperson Nadia Rajsz. (Photos by David B. Soete)

Cultural Achievement Award - Braman Arts Conservatory based in Callicoon, NY (enriching valley's cultural programming).

Community Service Award - Richard B. Crandall (service to Town of Tusten).

Community Service Award - Lackawaxen River Conservancy (promoting stewardship of Lackawaxen River watershed).

Volunteer Award - George T. Krause

(assistance to numerous organizations).

Special Recognition Award - Colin Apse (leadership role with the Subcommittee on Ecological Flows).

Oaken Gavel Award - Bruce Selneck of Shohola Township (2003 UDC chairman).

Congressman Hinchey gave an overview of federal environmental issues, and discussed some of the challenges and opportunities facing the Upper Delaware Valley.

With more people discovering and relocating to this area to enjoy the quieter way of life, Hinchey urged local municipalities to "act quickly so that they can shape their future growth and define for themselves how their communities will develop." ❖



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE: Since Douglas N. Hay was in California finishing up a volunteer National Park Service assignment at the Manzanar National Historic Site at the time of the Awards Ceremony, UDC Executive Director William E. Douglass later presented Doug with his Distinguished Service Award plaque at his Mill Rift, Pa. riverside home. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey, Jr. displays the David B. Soete photograph of the Roebling Bridge that he received as a gift for delivering the keynote address at the UDC's 16th Annual Awards Ceremony April 25 at Eldred Preserve.

UDC Highlights Quarterly Activities

Upper Delaware Council activity highlights from mid-March to early June 2004, not covered elsewhere in this issue, include:

BASIN PLAN

The Delaware River Basin Commission's Watershed Advisory Council wrapped up three years of meetings May 7 by signing off on a final draft of the "Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin." The next step will be to secure signatures from governors of the four basin states, which is expected to occur during a Sept. 13-15 Watershed Summit in Wilmington, DE.

STUDIES FUNDED

National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River successfully competed for funding to conduct a three-year bald eagle habitat study in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Starting in FY 2005, eagles will be trapped and fitted with satellite transmitters to document their movements in the river valley.

The Delaware River Basin Commission will coordinate a three-year, \$750,000 Dwarf Wedgemussel study to be conducted by the University of Massachusetts to determine the impacts of various Upper Delaware River flows on this federally endangered species. Funding is being provided by PPL, with a federal match from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

MEETINGS ATTENDED

Among the special meetings in which the UDC participated this quarter were:

-- UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee briefings with Congressman Maurice Hinchey March 29 in Middle-



NJ RIVER TRIP: New Jersey Secretary of State Regena Thomas launched a 17-day journey down the Delaware River on June 3 to highlight the state's river resources and American Indian heritage. A kickoff ceremony at High Point State Park in Sussex, NJ was followed by the flotilla launch at West End Beach in Port Jervis, NY. On hand were, from the left, National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Assistant Superintendent Sandra Schultz, Minisink Valley Historical Society (MVHS) Executive Director Peter Osborne, MVHS board member Alicia Batko, Secretary Thomas holding a commemorative paddle created by Schultz, and City of Port Jervis Mayor Gary Lopriore. The 280-mile river journey ended June 19 with a ceremony at the Cape May Lighthouse. Two days of the New Jersey river processional coordinated itineraries with the Delaware River Sojourn. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

town, NY, and with NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther April 16 in Monticello.

-- May 19 Delaware River Water Trail Partnership meeting in Bushkill, Pa.

-- May 27 "Benefits of Building Quality Communities" PA Department of Conser-

vation and Natural Resources presentation sponsored by the Visioning Committee of the Upper Delaware Corridor in Beach Lake, Pa.

WATER ISSUES

A May 17 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ruling which requires the Mirant Rio Project to schedule two-turbine releases one weekend day a month from June to October 2004 has the UDC concerned about potential safety hazards for novice boaters on the Delaware River due to the increased volume of water from the Mongaup. Call the telephone hotline, (845) 357-5266, ext. 141, for the schedule.

The UDC is also reviewing the Environmental Impact Statement filed by the Village of Kiryas Joel for its proposal to build a \$29 million pipeline to tap into the New York City Catskill Aqueduct, indirectly impacting the Delaware River Basin.

SCENIC BYWAY

Officers elected at the April 26 annual meeting of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc., were Chairperson Larry H. Richardson (Town of Cochection), Vice-Chair Elaine Giguere (Town of Tusten), and Secretary-Treasurer Peter Osborne (City of Port Jervis). The first phase of route marker signs has been completed. ❖

Lots to Do in Upper Delaware This Summer

July 18 - 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Minisink at Sullivan County's Minisink Battleground Park, Minisink Ford, NY, with a 3 p.m. program at the pavilion by Peter Osborne and Mary Curtis, 4 p.m. monument observance by the Sullivan County Historical Society with George J. Fluhr as keynote speaker; 5 p.m. potluck picnic hosted by Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance; and frontier living demonstrations at the park all weekend.

July 22 - 30th Commemoration at the Battle of Minisink's Grave of the Unknown Soldier in Lackawaxen, Pa. at 4 p.m. Contact George J. Fluhr at (570) 559-7394.

July 25 - 14th Annual Riverfest, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

July 29-31 - Bluestone Festival, sponsored by the Hancock Chamber of Commerce, at Firemen's Park in Hancock, NY. Bluestone cutting competition preliminaries Thurs. & Fri. at 5:30 p.m., final contest Sat. at noon. Held concurrently with Firemen's Field Days featuring carnival rides, games, and refreshments in the park.

Aug. 7 - UDC's 16th Annual Family Raft Trip. See registration form on page 8.

Aug. 10 - Day on the Delaware, 9 a.m. to noon seminars, 1 p.m. river float, sponsored by the Delaware River Foundation, at West Branch Angler's Resort with breakfast and noon lunch. Contact Jim Serio at (607) 637-3474 or info@delawareriverfoundation.org.

Aug. 21 - 250th Anniversary of the Cushetunk Settlement, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Cochection Station, located on Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Route 97, Cochection, NY. Historical program with costumed re-enactors; artisans and craftspeople; music by Mickey Barnett, Alan Sorensen, and fiddlers; exhibits; Cochection Station tours; and refreshments. Contact Larry Richardson at (845) 932-8104 or richardson@in4web.com. ❖

Construction Underway on Two River Bridges

The NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission gave updates on Upper Delaware River bridge construction projects during its May 12 annual meeting held at the NYS Department of Transportation Region 9 headquarters in Binghamton.

A new Shohola, PA-Barryville, NY Bridge at a cost of \$11,340,000 is targeted for completion by Sept. 7, 2006. Site preparation work by Fahs Rolston Paving Corp. of Binghamton began in February 2004.

The 1941 bridge will remain open to traffic throughout the construction period.

The new steel beam, four-span structure with concrete deck is being built slightly upstream of the current location. At 812 feet with two 12-foot travel lanes and 8-foot shoulders, the new bridge will be longer and wider than its predecessor.

Unique design features include a blue-stone architectural pattern on the piers and three balcony areas along the sidewalk where pedestrians can read historic plaques and take in the scenic river view.

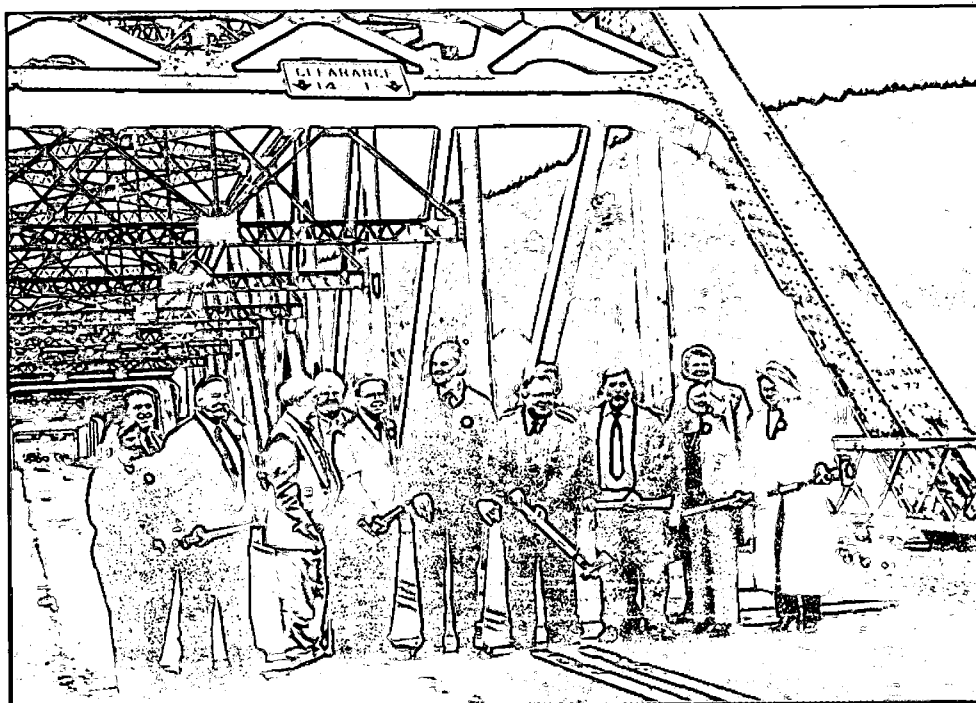
The second construction project already underway is a deck replacement on the 1937 Hancock, NY-Buckingham, PA Bridge at a cost of \$1,097,000.

Work began this spring and is expected to wrap up by fall. A new sidewalk is being added to the upstream side of the bridge.

During construction, bridge traffic is being reduced to a single lane controlled by a set of traffic lights.

Other upcoming capital projects include repointing of the 1901 Skinners Falls, NY-Milanville, PA Bridge's stone masonry piers later in the 2004 construction season at an estimated cost of \$60,000.

Repair work on the 1939 Port Jervis, NY-



BRIDGE-BREAKING: Officials from Pennsylvania, New York State, Pike County, Sullivan County, Shohola Township, Town of Highland, Upper Delaware Council, National Park Service, and the NY-PA Joint Interstate Bridge Commission participated in a "bridge-breaking" ceremony on March 25 at which sledgehammers were tapped on the 1941 Shohola-Barryville Bridge to mark construction of a longer and wider upstream crossing. The new bridge is targeted for completion in September of 2006. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Matamoras, PA Bridge's abutment back-walls and pier expansion dams at an estimated cost of \$165,000 was postponed from 2004 to 2005 on the project schedule.

Also pushed back one year to 2008 was a possible deck replacement and rehabilitation of the 1961 Callicoon, NY-Damascus, PA Bridge. Currently, \$4.1 million is allocated for that project. The DOT engineers noted that if the level of deterioration

warrants a bridge replacement instead, the cost would increase by at least \$2 million.

A hearing will be set later this summer to gather public testimony on alternatives for the Pond Eddy, NY-Pond Eddy, PA Bridge.

The 1904 bridge's eight-ton weight limit is too low for most emergency vehicles and large service trucks, yet the crossing provides the only access to approximately 26 private homes on the PA side.

After spending \$800,000 to date on a feasibility study, the Commission is proposing to raze the bridge and build a new \$6.2 million structure in 2006.

A citizens group named Friends of the Pond Eddy Bridge, however, supports preservation of the one-lane steel bridge due to its listing since 1988 on the National Register of Historic Places. ❖

Roebling Bridge to Close for Repairs

Repair work on the National Historic Landmark Roebling Bridge between Minisink Ford, NY and Lackawaxen, PA will necessitate closure of the Delaware Aqueduct immediately after Labor Day, according to the Federal Highway Administration.

The structure is expected to be closed from approximately September 7-24 so that contractors may replace a portion of the concrete bridge decking due to premature deterioration of the 2003 concrete work. Detours will be marked. ❖

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UDC Hosts Raft Trip Aug. 7

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) will sponsor its 16th Annual Family Raft Trip on Saturday, August 7, 2004. All are invited to enjoy a scenic, 10-mile raft trip from Ten Mile River Landing in the Town of Tusten to Minisink Ford, NY in the Town of Highland.

Check-in begins at 9 a.m. at Lander's Minisink Base on Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Route 97. The last shuttle bus will depart for Ten Mile River Landing at 10 a.m. Lander's River Trips will provide all the necessary equipment, shuttle transportation, and safety instructions prior to launch.

Pack a picnic lunch and plenty of drinking water. No glass containers are allowed. Dress to get wet, apply sunscreen and wear foot protection. Small coolers and waterproof bags for items such as cameras and keys may be tied into the raft.

Minimum occupancy per raft is four people. Parties of less than four will be matched at the UDC's discretion. Participants should be in good physical condition. Children must be at least four years old, weigh no less than 40 lbs., and able to swim. Kids 12 and under are required by law to wear life jackets at all times. Securely-fastened life jackets are strongly advised for *all* boaters and swimmers as an easy safety precaution.

Average rafting time is about two miles per hour, though it varies according to river level, wind, and each group's desired pace. This trip's estimated timeframe is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Advance reservations are required by July 30. The deeply discounted cost for this raft trip is \$18 for adults and \$9 for children ages 12 and under.

Complete and return the reservation coupon below, or contact UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at (845) 252-3022 or udcramie@hvc.rr.com for information. ❖

Stourbridge Lion 175th, D&H Canal Celebrated

Railroad and canal buffs are in for a treat on August 7-8 with a weekend of activities centering on the 175th anniversary of the Stourbridge Lion.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Co. in 1828 commissioned the construction of four steam locomotives in Stourbridge, England to transport coal from Carbondale along a 17-mile gravity railroad to its canal in Honesdale, Pa.

Only one locomotive made it that far. When company engineer Horatio Allen fired up the Lion on Aug. 8, 1829 for a test-run from Honesdale to Seelyville, history recorded it as the first commercial locomotive operated in America.

The story of what became of the Stourbridge Lion will be shared at an Aug. 7 symposium being organized by the historical societies from Wayne County, Waymart Area, and Carbondale.

The 8 a.m.-3 p.m. symposium at the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Center in Mayfield will feature a roster of expert historians and speakers. Refreshments and lunch are included in the \$50 fee. To register, call 570-253-3240.

At 4:30 p.m. Saturday, a special excursion of the modern Stourbridge Line will take passengers from Honesdale to Lackawaxen for a chicken barbecue and a performance by the Ritz Company Players titled "Train of Thought: A Lion's Share of Pride," bringing to life the historic events of 175 years ago. Tickets through the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce are \$35. Call 570-253-1960.

On Aug. 8 at 1, 2 and 3 p.m., "Horatio Allen" will appear in the Wayne County Visitor's Center D&H Canal exhibit room while the Wayne County Museum at 810 Main St. in Honesdale hosts a 12-4 p.m. open house. Call 570-253-3240. ❖

UDC 16th Annual Family Raft Trip

Guests (include all names, and the ages of any children, for the waivers):

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The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Three standing committees, Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review, meet on the third and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the UDC office, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. All meetings are open to the public. Call (845) 252-3022 for specific meeting dates and agendas.

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