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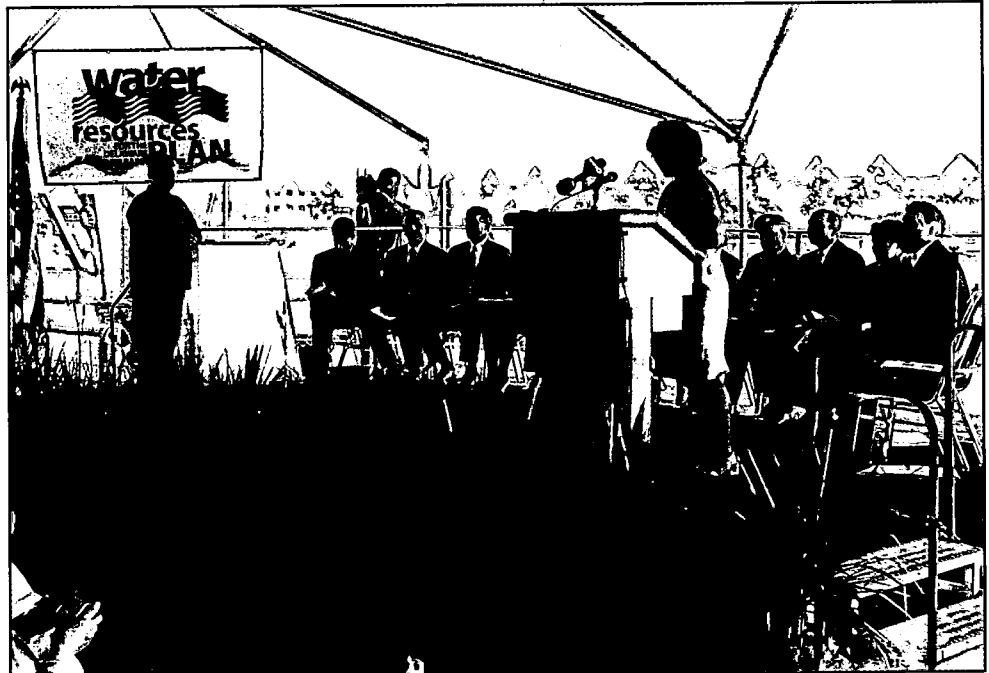
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DOTTED LINE: On Sept. 13 in Wilmington, DE, state and federal officials participated in a ceremonial signing of a resolution supporting implementation of the "Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin." At far left, Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner listens to Delaware River Basin Commission Executive Director Carol Collier at the podium. Seated on the dais to Collier's right are DRBC Federal Representative Brigadier General Merdith W.B. Temple, NJ Department of Environmental Protection Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell, PA Lieutenant Governor Catherine Baker Knoll, and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water Assistant Director Fred R. Nuffer. (Photo by Karl Heinicke, DRBC)

Water Resources Plan to Help Guide River Basin

The completion of an intense, four-year process to outline a policy direction for the use, protection, and enhancement of the Delaware River Basin's water resources through the year 2030 was celebrated on September 13.

Finalization of the "Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin" document represents the beginning of an important new stage: implementation.

"Today we celebrate a visionary plan that reflects the investment of countless hours of discussion and creativity among many individuals from throughout the Delaware River Basin who responded to our governors' 1999 challenge," remarked Carol Collier, executive director of the Delaware

River Basin Commission (DRBC).

"However, much work lies ahead as we now strive to develop strategies and take action to realize the goals laid out in that plan over the next 30 years," she added.

The ceremonial signing event held on the Christina Riverfront in Wilmington, DE kicked off a Sept. 13-15 conference titled, "Watershed Summit on the Delaware: Making the Connection", sponsored by the DRBC and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Water Resources Plan is a goal-based framework that will serve as a guide for all governmental and non-governmental stakeholders whose actions affect water

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Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Dedicates Signs

Recognizing the integral contributions of the New York State Department of Transportation and Senator John J. Bonacic, the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. (UDSB) officially dedicated its highway signage at a July 15 ceremony held at the DEC Mongaup Public Access along Route 97 in the Town of Lumberland.

"We are celebrating today the completed installation of the first 50 route marker signs along the byway corridor. These identification signs may now be seen in eight municipalities covering three counties as tangible evidence to all travelers that the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway is alive and well," UDSB Chairperson Larry H. Richardson proclaimed.

Sen. Bonacic, who provided grant funding for the fabrication of the logo panels, said, "This is a continuation of improvements in the evolution of the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway. It will bring tourism and economic vitality to the region."

Orange County Legislator Wayne Decker credited intermunicipal cooperation for the byway's success to date.

"If ever there was a project that was regional and crossed political boundaries, it is the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway," Decker said.

The 2002 designation of portions of Route 97 as a state scenic byway came as no surprise to most.

"In 1948 when I moved here," remarked Town of Delaware Supervisor William Moran, "I saw a sign in Port Jervis saying this was the most beautiful highway in New York State. Fifty-six years later, it still is."

A map brochure that will highlight points of interest along Route 97 is currently being developed. For information on other activities of the volunteer organization, visit www.upperdelawarescenicbyway.org.



MARKING THE WAY: Among those celebrating the completion of the first phase of Upper Delaware Scenic Byway signage along NYS Route 97 on July 15 were, from left to right, UDC Chairperson Nadia Rajsz, Town of Delaware Supervisor William Moran, Town of Cochection Supervisor Sal Indelicato, Town of Lumberland Supervisor John LiGreci, Town of Tusten Supervisor Ben Johnson, Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Chris Cunningham, Sullivan County Legislator Kathleen LaBuda, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. Chairman Larry H. Richardson, NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, U.S. Congressman Maurice Hinchey's aide Julie Allen, NYS Senator John J. Bonacic, Upper Delaware Scenic Byway Secretary-Treasurer Peter Osborne, and Orange County Legislator Wayne Decker. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)



DELAWARE RIVER LIFE PROCESSION:

Getting into the environmental spirit of the 14th Annual Riverfest held July 25 in Narrowsburg were, from right to left, Braman Arts Conservatory instructor and board member Colette "Flower" Ballew of Damascus, Pa.; Lynn "Wild Boar" Elfert of Mileses, NY; fish float puller Don Downs of Long Eddy, NY, and his granddaughter, Katie Otersen, age 5-1/2, of Morristown, NJ. The Conservatory organized costume workshops in advance of a May 1 parade in Callicoon prior to their Narrowsburg appearance. Riverfest is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce.

(Photo by Laurie Ramie)

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resources in the 13,539-square-mile Delaware River Basin.

It is the product of a process initiated in September of 1999 when the governors of the four basin states and federal agency directors signed a resolution challenging the Delaware River Basin community to develop a unified vision for the management of the basin's water resources.

A 36-member, consensus-based Watershed Advisory Council, including representation from the Upper Delaware Council, was formed to work with DRBC staff and committees on the plan.

At a March 17 meeting in Narrowsburg, one of five public sessions held throughout the basin to introduce the draft plan, DRBC's Carol Collier stressed, "This is a plan for and by the residents of this basin."

UDC Executive Director Bill Douglass said that grassroots buy-in will be necessary to optimize the plan's effectiveness.

"The basin plan only provides guidance. It is going to depend on the counties and municipalities to carry out the implementation," Douglass said.

The plan offers a framework within which existing and new programs can be incorporated and coordinated. It is also meant to lead to new areas of research and study.

Its integrated approach includes five key areas for desired results:

- An adequate and reliable supply of suitable quality water to sustain human and ecological needs through 2030;

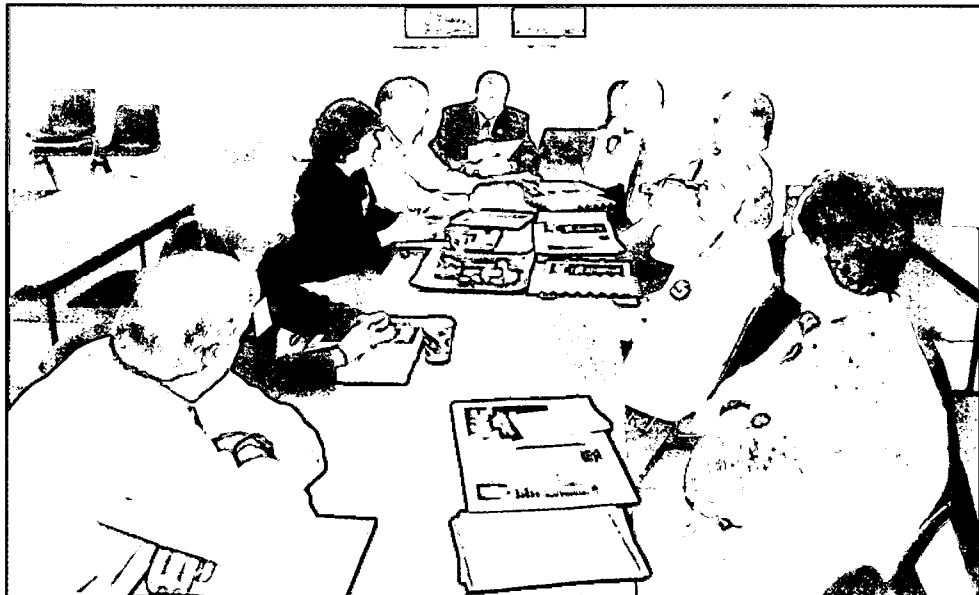
- Managing the system of waterway corridors to reduce flood losses, improve recreational experiences, and protect, conserve, and restore riparian and aquatic ecosystems;

- Integrating water resource management considerations into land use planning and growth management while recognizing the social and economic needs of communities;

- Strengthening partnerships for the management of water resources among all lev-

Water flows through every aspect of our lives. We depend on it for transportation, for power, for commerce, for inspiration -- indeed, for life itself. Yet too often we take this precious resource for granted, or guard it so jealously for one purpose, that we forget its fluid nature. Can we meet the challenge of safeguarding our water resources now and for generations to come?

~ "Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin" Introduction



BREAKING IT DOWN: River Basin Planner Jessica Rittler Sanchez, Ph.D., explains the key points of the "Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin" at a March 17, 2004 public preview meeting co-sponsored by the Upper Delaware Council (UDC) and held at the Tusten Town Hall in Narrowsburg. Clockwise from the lower left are Fred Nuffer, assistant director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Water and Chair Pro Tem of the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC); Carol Collier, DRBC executive director; Sanchez; Delaware River Foundation President and UDC Town of Hancock Alternate Jim Serio; UDC Executive Director Bill Douglass; DRBC Watershed Planner Pamela V'Combe; UDC Town of Cochecton Representative Larry H. Richardson; UDC Town of Tusten Representative Charles Wieland; UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie; and Pike County Conservation District Watershed Specialist John Jose. (Photo by David B. Soete)

els of government, the private sector, and individuals sharing an interest in sustainable water resources management; and

- Providing opportunities to enhance appreciation and commitment to the protection, improvement, and restoration of

the basin's water resources.

To download a copy or obtain more information about the "Water Resources Plan for the Delaware River Basin", please visit the DRBC's web site at www.drbc.net or call (609) 883-9500. ❖

Water Resources Plan Guiding Principles

1. Water is a precious and finite natural resource, one that is essential to all life and vital to ecological, economic and social well-being.

2. The disparate distribution of water resources among watersheds poses a challenge to equitable allocation and use.

3. Prudent water management requires a commitment to ecological integrity and biologic diversity to ensure a healthy environment; to a dynamic economy; and to social equity for present and future generations.

4. The most effective way to eliminate pollution is to prevent it from occurring.

5. Integrated management is crucial for sound results.

6. Improved land management is essential for improving the condition of water resources.

7. Individually and collectively, we are responsible for the stewardship of our water resources through their judicious use and management.

8. Existing legal structures and laws provide the framework in which management decisions are made.

9. Decision-making should give due consideration to the policies and requirements in existing laws and the legal rights of persons and entities potentially affected by water management decisions.

10. Authority to make integrated management decisions shall be derived from existing law as applicable, and may entail modifying or enacting new law(s).

11. Legal structures should be utilities that facilitate managing water resources within entire basins, watersheds, and aquifers, rather than on the basis of political jurisdictional boundaries, while continuing to respect the sovereignty of states and their political subdivisions.

12. In water resources management, preferable actions are those that are structured to accommodate and be consistent with preservation and enhancement of ecological integrity, sustainability, feasibility, and resilience to natural variability.

Lackawaxen's Clarence James Has 100 Years of History to Share

As a fifth-generation resident of Lackawaxen Township who also married into one of the township's founding families, Clarence James wasn't exactly surprised when he was asked to take on the volunteer role of Township Historian.

"Since I was one of the oldest residents, they naturally picked me right away quick for information," James says.

But that was some 20 years ago. On October 11, 2004, James marks his 101st birthday - and he's still dispensing historical anecdotes with enthusiasm and charm.

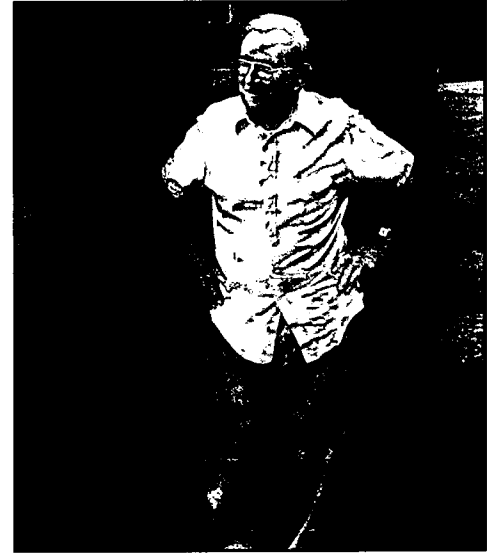
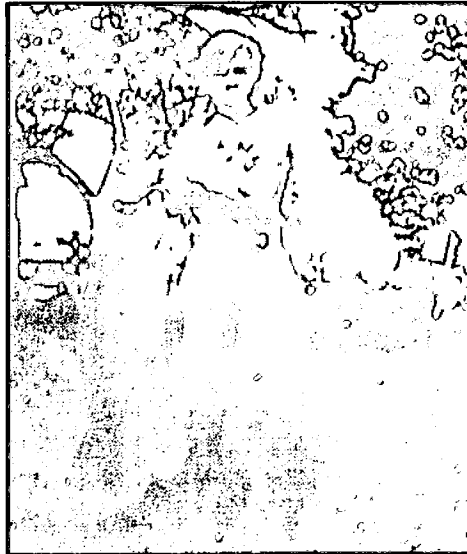
Independent enough to live alone, maintain his immaculate 14-acre property, operate a boat launch and cabin rental business, and drive short distances (occasionally in his original 1931 Model A Ford), James has a lifetime of memories to share. Finding an open ear can be difficult though.

"It's surprising when you get to be 100 years old, how few people are interested in listening to you tell something. So many tell me, 'It's a shame that Clarence's stories haven't been recorded because when he goes, an awful lot of history will go with him'," James says.

He was born in 1903, the second youngest child of Floyd and Mary Jane (Malvin) James, who also had four daughters.

"I'm the only one in the family left," James reflects.

The family operated a farm where Gig Rosemergy's garage sits, about five miles from where James resides on Westcolang (an Indian name for "Lake on Top of the Mountain") Road.



THEN AND NOW: Clarence James, who turns 101 on October 11, is pictured as a young man with a carp from Lake Teedyuskung that he dispatched with a rifle and at his Westcolang home outside the three-seater outhouse that remains for nostalgia. (Left photo reprinted from the Lackawaxen Township Bicentennial Book published by Stuart Communications, Inc.; Right photo by Laurie Ramie)

James attended the one-room Bohemia Union School through eighth grade.

"Mrs. James H. Beard, our teacher, used to put me up on a recitation bench near her desk to tell stories to the rest of the students. For history lessons, she'd say, 'Stand up, Clarence.' I'd get through the whole damn lesson of history, names and all. I didn't like school much but I was crazy about history," he says.

James learned how to profit from living in a lake resort area, such as by selling rattlesnake hides to tourists for \$1 a piece.

At age 16, he began working and has never really stopped. Besides farming and lumbering during the winters, James worked with his grandfather, Lafe, doing carpentry. His first "public job", as he puts it, was working as a lineman for the Lackawaxen Telephone Company.

"The phones operated on batteries then, not electric," he points out. "Since I was a climber, I then got a job with PP&L (Pennsylvania Power and Light). This was around 1926 but I was only there for a year and a half. My mother was going crazy because she thought I was going to get electrocuted. They didn't have the communications then with the men to know when to cut the power off."

During a subsequent stint as a driver at a girls' camp, James was hired to paint the house of his future wife, Louemma Holbert, which is now his residence. The Holbert family dates back to approximately 1760 in Lackawaxen Township.

The couple wed in 1929 - "the year of the crash and boy, I remember what trouble it was to keep bread on the table," James says. They survived some rough times, including no indoor plumbing for the first 10 years of their marriage. But James says that "Toots" was full of country spirit.

"We used to go ice skating all the time and she was a good hunter. She could do bullseye work with a shotgun," he says.

He and Louemma, who died in 1974 after

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2004 Heritage Awards Presented

The 23rd Annual Heritage Awards Dinner sponsored by the Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance took place on September 19 at the Ten Mile River Scout Camps Dining Hall in the Town of Tusten. Ten awards were bestowed:

Lifetime Heritage Award - **Clarence James**, Lackawaxen Township Historian.

Merit Awards (2) - **Robert Wood** (contributions to the preservation of history and public education about the Equinunk, PA area) and **Margaret "Mimi" Steffen** (creation of a searchable database of Wayne County, PA teachers before 1945).

Tom Hill Award for Excellence in Public Service - **George J. Fluhr** (five-time elected Shohola Township, PA Supervisor and ardent supporter of heritage causes).

Recognition Awards (6) - **George Ardito** (creative force behind the Sullivan County Time Line audio-visual exhibit at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY); **ECCE Bed and Breakfast** (research by owners Alan Rosenblatt and Kurtis Kreider into the history of their landmark property in Barryville, NY); **Sharon Green** (integral roles with the Liberty Museum and Arts Center and the annual Sullivan County Architectural Bus Tour); **David Albanese** (Eagle Scout project to refurbish the neglected Lower Mongaup Cemetery in the Town of Lumberland); **Wayne County Historical Society, Waymart Area Historical Society and Carbondale Historical Society** (collaborative effort to organize the August 2004 Stourbridge Lion 175th Anniversary Celebration); and **Deposit Historical Society** (active museum collections and quarterly public programs). ❖

UDC Highlights Quarterly Activities

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

DECREE ANNIVERSARY

Executive Director William E. Douglass represented the UDC in Washington, D.C. at a Sept. 22 Congressional briefing by the U.S. Geological Survey on "50 Years of Cooperative Water Management in the Delaware River Basin," marking the anniversary of the 1954 Amended Supreme Court Decree that established the current allocation of water to New York City and the four basin states.

SUMMER ISSUE FOLLOW-UPS

- The U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee in June approved legislation directing the federal government to pay its 20% share of the Delaware River Basin Commission's annual budget; however, the bill has not been signed into law. The DRBC is implementing portions of its FY 2005 Services Reduction Plan to cope with the funding shortfall.

- To satisfy objections by Lackawaxen, PA business owners to an intended 30-day closure of the Roebling Bridge after Labor Day for further deck repairs, the National Park Service agreed to an alternative to close the historic bridge for just three days on Sept. 13-15 to apply a sealant which should protect the deck for five years.

- The UDC expressed concern to the Orange County Legislature over the failure of the Kiryas Joel Final Environmental Impact Statement to address impacts of the proposed water pipeline withdrawals from



UDC RAFT TRIP: The 124 participants in the Upper Delaware Council's 16th Annual Family Raft Trip braved cloudy skies and some cooler air and water temperatures on August 7 during their paddle from Ten Mile River Landing to Lander's Minisink Base. The nevertheless enjoyable excursion proved that there's no such thing as a bad day of leisure on the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. (Photo by David B. Soete)

the New York City Catskill Aqueduct on the Upper Delaware River during drought conditions.

LANDFILL LEACHATE

The hot potato issue of who should maintain the closed Barnes Landfill in the Town of Highland now that the escrow account which financed ongoing removal of the leachate is gone prompted the UDC to

write to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The Aug. 5 letter stated, in part, "The UDC believes that allowing leachate to overflow due to lack of funds is unacceptable. The leachate tank must continue to be pumped out regularly and the leachate disposed of properly. Failure to do so could threaten nearby groundwater and water courses. If the NYS DEC wishes to pursue 'principal responsible parties' for reimbursement costs, so be it; in the meantime, we believe this should qualify as an emergency situation..."

SPECIAL MEETINGS

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

-- UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee meetings with PA Representative Jerry Birmelin on July 6 and NYS Senator John J. Bonacic on July 15.

-- July 28 New York Main Street Grant Program workshop in Stone Ridge coordinated by Senator Bonacic.

-- Aug. 9 National Park Service meeting with livery operators to discuss the three summer 2004 drownings in the Upper Delaware River for safety mitigation ideas.

-- Aug. 18 Sullivan County Community Planning Forum with Pace Law School's Land Use Law Center coordinated by Congressman Maurice Hinchey.

-- Aug. 20 Sign Summit in Shohola, Pa. to coordinate Upper Delaware River Valley interpretive signage efforts. ❖

PA to Award Environmental Excellence

Applications for a new 2004 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence must be received by 4 p.m. on Oct. 22. The award will honor Pennsylvania businesses, individuals, municipalities, agribusiness and non-profit organizations that show a commitment to develop and build environmental stewardship and economic development in PA.

Projects must have been implemented between Jan. 1, 2003 through July 31, 2004. For a description of eligible projects and application guidelines, please contact Chuck Rennard at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Energy and Technology Development, 400 Market St., 15th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101, phone (717) 772-8909 or visit the agency's web site at www.dep.state.pa.us (click on Awards). ❖

River Cleanup Collects Tons of Trash

Kittatinny Canoes' 15th Annual On and Under the Delaware River Cleanup waged its annual war on river litter July 19-22 with 270 volunteers canoeing, wading, snorkeling, and diving to cover 70 underwater and shoreline miles from the Ten Mile River access in New York to the Delaware Water Gap in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The volunteers collected a total of 11.87 tons of trash. This included 214 tires, 195 lbs. of aluminum cans, and 6.39 tons of scrap metal. While that sounds like a lot, the numbers were slightly lower than last year's and participants commented on how relatively clean they found the river. Most of the refuse now being retrieved is older tires that are being uncovered slowly by ice jams and strong river currents, as well as household trash in a certain section of the river corridor. Kittatinny Canoes provides the canoes, transportation, campsites, breakfast and a barbecue dinner each day for its river cleanup army. ❖

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a long illness, bore three children - Betty (now deceased), Nancy of Stroudsburg, and Donald, who lives next door with his wife, Frances. James has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

For 14 years, James was employed by Farview State Hospital for the Criminally Insane as a guard, originally on the tuberculosis ward. He also worked on the local Election Board as a Republican inspector.

In slightly younger years, James was an avid hunter, fisherman, and snowmobiler. He also had some musical abilities.

"I used to call square dances at the Cuckoo's Nest three times a week and taught it other places. I taught myself to play a mandolin," he says.

James was the first secretary-treasurer of the Central Volunteer Fire Department, which organized in 1948 to serve Bohemia, Westcolang, and Rowlands, and today is its last surviving founding member.

In addition to sharing Township Historian duties with Helene Langhorst, James worked on the Publication Committee that produced the 1998 Lackawaxen Township Bicentennial Book, documenting 200 years of history through articles and photos.

When he looks back at the changes he's personally witnessed in Lackawaxen Township - from "horses and buggies on dirt roads" to watching vehicles whiz past his house from the vantage point of his comfortable chair on the enclosed porch - James' nostalgia is tempered with reality.

"I don't say that I wish I could go back in time to live. I'll settle for the modern conveniences," he says with a smile. ❖

In Memoriam ... Peter Melnyk, 78

Former Upper Delaware Council representative to the Town of Lumberland, Peter Melnyk, died on August 30, 2004 at Bon Secours Community Hospital at the age of 78.

The Glen Spey resident began serving with the UDC in 1988 as alternate to the late Supervisor Tom Hill through 1990. He re-joined the UDC in 1996 as second alternate, became first alternate in 1997, took over as the town's representative in August of that year, and fulfilled that role through the end of 1999.

Peter was a member of the Lumberland Environmental Committee and Zoning Board of Appeals before being elected to the Lumberland Town Board in 1990, serving for two terms as a councilman.

He was a former president of the Lumberland Lions Club, chairman of the town's Democratic Club, vice-president of the Lumberland Senior Citizens Club, and a parishioner of St. Volodymyr Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Peter taught American History and literature in European high schools before embarking on a five-year stint as host of his own radio program in New York.

His success in radio led to a brief run on television as a variety show host, as well as director, producer, agent, and crew member for a Newark, NJ-based broadcast studio.



Peter Melnyk

A 15-year career as a restaurateur in the Newark area followed.

Born on July 11, 1926 in Ukraine to Andrew and Maria Gach Melnyk, Peter was married for 53 years to Natalia Hunczak Melnyk.

Surviving, in addition to his wife at home, are one son, Peter T. Melnyk and his wife Marta of Long Valley, NJ; one daughter, Larysa Dyrszka and her husband Herbert of Haworth, NJ; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sept. 1 at St. Volodymyr's Church, with burial following in the Glen Spey Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Gray-Parker Funeral Home.

D&H Canal Transportation Heritage Council Debuts Web Site

A new source of information about the Delaware and Hudson (D&H) Canal Heritage Corridor has been made available by the D&H Transportation Heritage Council in the form of a rack card brochure and a web site at www.dhthc.com.

The brochure card lists locations, web addresses, and phone numbers where one can discover more about historic sites and recreational trails along the bi-state canal's

108-mile-long route.

The D&H Canal and Gravity Railroad connected the coal fields of Pennsylvania with the markets in the Hudson Valley.

Beginning in Carbondale, PA and ending near Kingston, NY, it was built in just three years during the 1820s.

There are several wonderful museums that chronicle D&H history along the route. Many sections of the D&H towpaths,

where mules once treaded pulling canal boats, have been transformed into public recreational trails.

The D&H Transportation Heritage Council consists of various public, private and non-profit agencies and organizations committed to promoting appreciation and preservation of the historic resources of the D&H Canal and Gravity Railroad system. ❖

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UDC Awards 10 Technical Grants

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) has awarded \$25,301 in Technical Assistance Grants for 10 projects that will further goals and address needs identified in the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The latest grant round brings the cumulative amount to \$542,992 that the UDC has given to its member municipalities since 1988. In all, 153 projects have been funded through the Technical Assistance Grants (TAG) program.

Combined requests by the 10 applicants this year totaled \$33,350, competing for a \$25,000 funding pool, to which \$301 was added by the UDC through its Sept. 2 vote.

TAGs are available for research, planning, and studies conducted by the UDC's eight New York towns, three Pennsylvania townships, and their encompassing river corridor counties. They can provide seed money for a municipality to embark on a project without having to dip into local tax dollars. Wayne County, Pa.'s four townships of Berlin, Buckingham, Damascus, and Manchester would be eligible to participate if those townships joined the Council.

2004 Recipients

Town of Lumberland, NY – \$4,831 to prepare minor zoning law revisions and a supplement to the Comprehensive Plan, and to conduct two training sessions on the administration of land use regulations that will be open to all NY and PA Upper Delaware communities.

Town of Delaware, NY – \$3,986 to review and update the Comprehensive Plan to serve as a foundation for the town's land use policies.

Town of Lumberland, NY – \$3,136 to prepare a digitally-enhanced compilation of historical marker sites and assess them according to their topic, condition, and accessibility.

Town of Tusten, NY – \$3,049 to survey and prepare a restoration plan for the Lake Erie dam and spillway in the Hamlet of Narrowsburg.

Town of Cohecton, NY – \$2,643 to update boundary definitions of zoning districts using Geographic Information Systems capabilities of the Sullivan County Division of Planning.

Town of Highland, NY – \$2,625 to develop a town web site to promote historical, cultural, recreational, and economic aspects of the town as well as to make available copies of local laws, ordinances, and the Town Comprehensive Plan to the on-line public.

Shohola Township, PA – \$2,131 to create a plan to develop a historic walking trail at Rohman Park which will preserve and

interpret a number of historic resources on this township property, including a portion of the Shohola Glen amusement park and switchback railroad.

Town of Fremont, NY – \$1,104 to develop a GIS-based tax parcel mapping system for the town to connect with Sullivan County's GIS system.

Town of Deerpark, NY – \$1,000 to print bound, color copies of the town's new Zoning Law for public distribution upon request.

Town of Deerpark, NY – \$796 to update and print the Town of Deerpark informational brochure and map.

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



DAY ON THE DELAWARE: The Delaware River Foundation hosted its 4th annual educational forum on river issues August 10 at West Branch Angler's Resort. Above, Foundation President Jim Serio addresses the attentive audience of 111 people. (Photo by David B. Soete)

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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