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Save the Date:

March 10– Paint a Flower Pot fundraiser to benefit KC Stream Team, Koch’s Ceramics, 624 Grove Ave., Johnstown. 10am-12pm. Contact Melissa Reckner, mreckner@kcstreamteam.org or 814-444-2669.

March 22– SCRIP Board meeting, Laurel Wood Care Center, 1 p.m.

March 24– Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited Banquet, Holiday Inn, 250 Market St., Johnstown, 5:30 p.m. Contact Randy Buchanan, 814-467-4034

March 30– SCRIP Scholarship application deadline. See page 3.

Lots more “Save the Dates” on page 2.

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Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project

Somerset Conservation District Exploring Options To Remove Remaining AMD from Lamberts Run

By Len Lichvar



Left to right: Somerset Conservation District Watershed Specialist Greg Shustrick, PA Association of Conservation Districts Technical Assistance Group Technician Phil Wilson, Hedin Environmental's George Watzlaf, Wells Creek Watershed Association member John Pile and Bob Hedin discuss options for a Lamberts Run Phase II AMD project in Somerset County.

Photo by Len Lichvar



SCRIP participated in the second annual NatureWorks Event on March 3. Special guest, Ryan Keene’s artwork (above) was featured.

Photo by Len Lichvar

See page 2 for more details.

The Somerset Conservation District requested and received a National Trout Unlimited Technical Assistance Grant that has enabled Hedin Environmental to develop a conceptual plan for Phase II of the Lamberts Run AMD treatment system. The District sponsored Anoxic Limestone Drain (ALD), located just off Lambertsville Road, treats a significant source of abandoned mine drainage (AMD) that has entered Lamberts Run for many years.

However, since the ALD does not generate the amount of alkalinity required to drop out all the iron in the system much of the iron precipitates out in a wetland and also finds its way into Lamberts Run. The ALD performs well and does the job it was designed to do by eliminating the iron before it reaches the Stonycreek River that significantly improves the water quality of the Stonycreek which is the intended goal of the treatment process.

The District is exploring options, presented by Hedin, to add settling basins and a Vertical Flow Pond to minimize the iron currently dropping out in Lamberts Run. Hedin will finalize several options and the District will then have the very difficult task of choosing a treatment option, securing property access and locating funding to implement the additional treatment and finally abate the last remaining significant source of AMD in the Lamberts Run watershed.

Save the Date *(continued from page one)*

Picking Up Paint Creek Litter Cleanup – April 7, 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM @ Little Paint Creek pull off along Route 160 between Elton and Windber - Contact Melissa Reckner, mreckner@kcstreamteam.org or 814-444-2669

Bishop McCort TIC Release Day – April 20 @ Greater Ferndale Sportsmen's Club - Contact Melissa Reckner, mreckner@kcstreamteam.org or 814-444-2669

Blacklick Valley TIC Release Day – April 26 @ State Gamelands 79 off Route 22

Shade-Central City TIC Release Day – April 27 @ Reitz #1 AMD treatment system in Central City

Forest Hills TIC Release Day – May 7 @ Zion Lutheran Church, St. Michael

Saltsburg TIC Release Day – May 8 @ Blackleggs Creek Memorial Park

Divine Mercy TIC Release Day – May 11 @ Greater Ferndale Sportsmen's Club

Rec the Alleghenies – May 12, Noon – 6 PM, Greenhouse Park

Conemaugh Township TIC Release Day – May 14 @ Greater Ferndale Sportsmen's Club

Stonycreek Rendezvous – May 18-20 @ Greenhouse Park

Loyalhanna Sojourn – May 19

SKC River Sojourn – May 31 – June 3

Pennsylvania AMR Conference – June 20-21 @ Ramada Inn, State College

NatureWorks 2018

**NATURE
WORKS**

Organizers Melissa Reckner (SCRIP board member) and Sue Konvolinka had a very successful day on Saturday, March 3 when over 450 people attended the

NatureWorks event held at the Ethnic Arts Center in the Cambria City section of Johnstown.

There were 20 educator stations, two art stations, and 64 exhibitor volunteers who participated. The exhibits and interactive activities helped families to appreciate our local environment. Ryan Keene, a nationally known Pittsburgh multimedia artist was the featured painter. He uses his fly fishing talent to create unique artwork, illustrations and paintings. Look for the event to repeat in March 2019.



SCRIP board member Karlice Makuchan helps participants make chalk using iron oxide recovered from area treatment systems. *Photo by Len Lichvar*

Kylie Hogan, of the Pittsburgh Trout Unlimited Five Rivers Club, demonstrates fly tying.

Photo by Len Lichvar



Larry Hutchinson, SCRIP board member, answers attendee questions about AMD treatment systems.

Photo by Len Lichvar



The Conemaugh Valley Conservancy's Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team is selling chances to win either a Native 12 Fishing Kayak and paddle, a Liquid Logic Recreation SUP Board and paddle, or \$750 cash. Tickets are \$10 each and each ticket has 2 numbers and thus 2 chances to win! The winning number will be based on the PA Lottery's Pick 3 evening number on July 4, 2018. Contact Missy to buy or sell tickets at 814-444-2669 or mreckner@kcstreamteam.org.

SCRIP \$500 Scholarship

The Stonycreek Conemaugh River Improvement Project will be awarding a \$500 Scholarship to a worthy student for the current academic year. Deadline to submit is March 30, 2018.

Eligibility—Applicant must:

Either be a dues-paying SCRIP member or the child of a SCRIP member

Reside in one of the counties that includes the Kiski-Conemaugh Basin (Armstrong, Cambria, Indiana, Somerset, or Westmoreland). Residency means the student lives in or is a resident at a school in one of these counties.

Be in an accredited environmental field of study at a Pennsylvania college or university.

How to Apply:

The application should contain these three parts:

Part I- A cover sheet with the following information: name, mailing address, email address, phone number, college or university attending, year and course of study

Part II- A typed statement, double-spaced, 12 pt font size, no longer than two pages explaining applicant's professional goals, how the course of study will meet those goals and any involvement to date in the field.

Part III- A copy of applicant's latest transcript

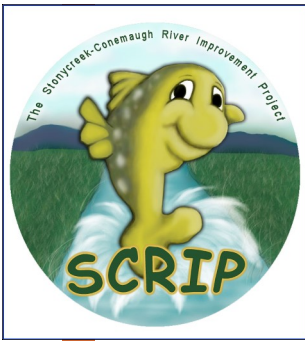
Applications must be received by March 30, 2018. Please send to: SCRIP, Scholarship 2018, P.O. Box 164, Windber, PA 15963. Award notification will be no later than April 30, 2018. Award check will be sent directly to the Financial Aid Office at the college or university. Award recipient will be required to inform SCRIP of his or her personal academic achievements, graduation and future career plans in article form for publication in the SCRIP newsletter. This information will be used to assist with promotion of any future SCRIP scholarship awards.

Any questions about eligibility or other parts of the application should be addressed to SCRIP at: info@ScripPA.org.

Join or renew* SCRIP today!

Name _____
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Phone _____ Date _____ Do you wish to volunteer? _____
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_____ Sponsor (\$500) _____ Lifetime (\$1000)

Make your check payable to **SCRIP**, or for a tax-deductible contribution, make the check to **Southern Alleghenies Conservancy/ SCRIP**. * If you are not sure of your membership status contact SCRIP's secretary at 814-444-2669 or mreckner@kcstreamteam.org. Send donations to: **SCRIP, P.O. Box 164, Windber, PA 15963**



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