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Welcoming New OSM/VISTA

M Ehrnschwender

Lily C. Kay from Kernsville NC will be moving to Fayetteville in December to do her Americorps Vista service with PAN.

Lily recently received a Bachelors Degree in Earth Science from NCU. We are very excited to have another OSM/VISTA this year and know that Lily's efforts will continue to support PAN in increasing our opportunities for engaging our community in the mission of advocating responsible economic development and sustainable environmental management.

In mid November Lily will be attending the Eastern Coal Country Roundtable training at the Breaks Interstate Park with Meredith Gregg to learn about watershed issues in Appalachian Region. Meredith our former OSM/VISTA will serve as her supervisor and help plug her into the PAN projects and goals.

If you know of housing for Lily please contact Meredith at 640.2100.

Lights ON!

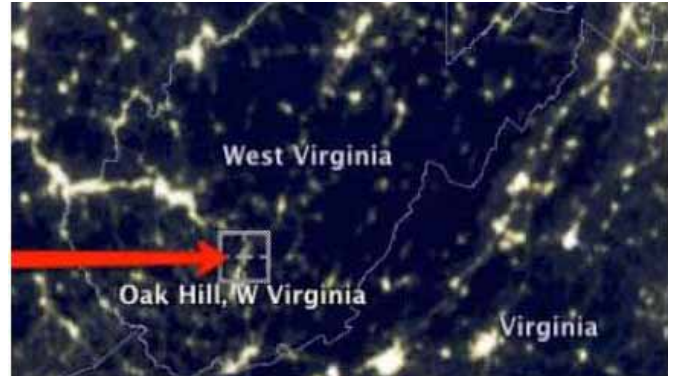
Brandon Holmes, Lights ON! West Virginia: A Strategy to Improving Quality of Life in Rural Appalachia (Article 1 of 3)

What is Lights ON! West Virginia. Let's look at a satellite image of West Virginia taken at night.



You can make out lights in Charleston, Morgantown, Wheeling, the eastern pan handle and Beckley, but for the most part, the New River Gorge Region is quite dark. We like it that way, right? Quiet, safe and starry nights.

Now zoom in and imagine a small light illuminating Oak Hill, WV, a small, town in southern WV, north of Beckley.



Now see more little light bulbs (CFL's of course) illuminating revitalized downtowns across the dark backdrop of the rolling, rural West Virginia landscape.

The little lights are once forgotten and now rehabilitated buildings located along downtown Main St., Anysmalltown, WV. Restaurants are open late and the gallery is having a show. The creative workers are out on the town with their friends and family. There's a buzz of activity providing just enough energy to efficiently power the buildings, repair the sidewalks, and improve open space and walk-ability.

LightsON! West Virginia is a company with a vision to improve the quality of life of workers and residents in West Virginia downtowns. Working with existing buildings, the company breathes new life and energy into once-forgotten spaces. Over time, this approach spurs service sector growth and cultivates diversity by applying a common sense approach of adaptive re-use.

The Bellann building is our 1st project and turning into a big success. The Bellann was constructed in 1930 and encases nearly 10,000 ft² of usable interior space. The focus of the renovation so far is on the 2nd floor, once home to a doctor's office, a dentists' office, apartments and most recently (16 years ago) the National Park Service.

Today, the 2nd floor of Bellann building houses new tenants with new ideas on how to live and work in a rural downtown. Tele-commuters and branch offices of companies and organizations like Earthmark, Drive Current, WELD, Elite Distance Learning and National Parks Conservation Association occupy the 3500 ft² 2nd floor. Due to natural lighting, a reflective roof and an efficient HVAC system, the tenants are splitting a \$100 utility bill for 3500 ft² of space!

The Bellann is registered with the U.S. Green Building Council and on track to be the first LEED certified existing building under private ownership in West Virginia. Stop by 137 1/2 East Main Street (across from Wendy's) for a tour.

Conservation Campers

Rachel Rodgers

Well, as promised two of our conservation campers, Molly Bates and Rachel Rodgers came and told PAN of their experience this summer. Here is the jist of it in Rachel's field report.

Dear PAN Members,

I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to conservation camp. Due to the PAN scholarship, I was able to attend an informative hand-on camp.

I was able to try new things, such as, bow & arrow, and shooting a 22 rifle. This was pretty exciting. I wasn't a bad shot.

I learned how to take soil samples. We did this to test pH levels in the soil and to find the best soil for crops.

We used the 4 cycles of recycling:

1. Recycle
2. Reuse
3. Re-buy
4. Reduce

At camp we tried to recycle everything, cans, paper, and bottle. We will try to incorporate this in our daily lives.

We were fortunate enough to learn the process of tagging fish. This was to get to know what the fish eat and how many are in that area. It also tracks the migration of certain fish. Some of the campers were able to use the equipment for tagging fish.

We took part in assemblies which included, Hunters Education, restocking creeks, and Native American Culture. This was very interesting. We were able to make rope out of tree bark.

We had an informative class on State and National Parks. We need to preserve and respect these lands. This is very important for our environment.

We measured the diameter of trees, estimated the height of the trees and we found which trees could be used for lumber.

We took nature walks and were able to discover the uses of plants.

Most of all I was able to make new friendships and learn a great deal about how to protect our planet.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity. Your scholarship was appreciated more than you know.



Conservation Campers

Front from Left: Rachel Rodgers and Molly Bates Middle: Meredith Gregg, Laura Ketchum, Mark Ehrnschwender Back: Rachel's Dad Joel

Stream Partners Grants Awarded

Stream Partners Grant awarded to PAN. \$5000 has been awarded in support of our Newsletter and environmental education outreach for the coming year 2008-9! Besides the assistance in funding our wonderful quarterly Newsletter this year, we are working with The Mountain Institute and local science teachers like Hilarie Jones to bring the WV Stream Samples program to Fayette County. [see Create WV pg 2]



Jennifer Dupree DEP Basin Coordinator Presents PAN Board Members with Stream Partners Grant

Arbuckle Creek Watershed Association (ACWA) was also awarded a Stream Partners Grant to help support their efforts.



Jennifer Dupree DEP Basin Coordinator Presents ACWA's Jesse Bibbs and Sara Martin with Their 1st Stream Partners Grant

Stream Partners is a cooperative effort of the West Virginia Conservation Agency, West Virginia's Division of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry, and the Division of Natural Resources. The program is housed within the DEP's Division of Water and Waste Management.

Create WV

Calantha Quesenbury

I was fortunate enough to attend the first Create WV conference in 2007. It reaffirmed to me that Historic Fayetteville is on the right path to becoming a livable, self-sustainable community and how important it is for



us to embrace new people and new ideas to become a healthier, more prosperous community.

This year's Create conference celebrated communities who are building teams and plans for new economies with an emphasis on the creative class. It was like an epiphany for me. I brought home the knowledge that by working hard at building an inclusive community and by embracing and attracting the creative class of workers, we can have amazing growth without sacrificing quality of life.

We must balance economic and social imperatives through action and dialogue; we must welcome anybody and everybody as a value to our community; we must encourage the participation of "creatives" for the continued efforts of community economic development. Some of the things creatives want and need include:

- a sense of place /
- a community with distinct character
- to be involved in their community
- to make connections
- broad-mindedness
- to be open to new ideas & people
- diversity
- richness of experience

Small scale and close knit communities, like Fayetteville, provide more potential for connections among people, business, and government all of which bring different economic, social, and ethnic backgrounds to the table.

"What we have to do...is to find a way to celebrate our diversity and debate our differences without fracturing our communities." Hillary Clinton

Building creative communities together makes everyone feel better. Common sense often prevails when we look at all perspectives. Involving people and giving them a voice in the process allows them to take ownership of decisions made. Exclusion will only lead to a homogeneous group that is not progressive. Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. We need diversity of thought in the world to face new challenges. We owe each other tolerance and acceptance. It's the right thing to do if we want communities to survive, prosper and move forward in the creative new economy.

to learn more to the website www.createwv.com

WV Stream Samplers

Meredith Gregg

PAN has partnered with The Mountain Institute (TMI) and local schools to help sponsor The West Virginia Stream Samplers program (see article in last issue for more detail). This TMI Appalachia Program, strives to raise awareness about the interconnections between WV's uplands and downstream environments leading to a greater understanding of the impact of human activity on watershed health, both locally and regionally. This program provides students and teachers living in the watersheds of West Virginia with an opportunity to engage in hands-on, inquiry-based, outdoor environmental science as part of an academic program. Participants will learn the basic principles of water quality and watershed assessment by taking scientific measurements,

making observations, documenting results, and drawing conclusions.

This is a PAN activity supporting environmental learning and experiences for our community's youth. We are happy to report that Stream Samplers is off and running.

Teachers from West Virginia watersheds met for a 3-day professional development workshop at TMI's Spruce Knob Mountain Center to learn stream and watershed assessment skills. Tim Craddock of the WV-DEP's Save Our Streams program instructed teachers in using Save Our Streams sampling protocol.

An in-school preparatory session with TMI staff followed and the Stream Samplers team of teachers Hilarie Jones and Mara Petretich and 4 OHHS students, 1 Fayetteville Middle Schooler, and 12 STs Peter & Paul students (ages 10-16) with 6 parents/chaperones and the stellar bus driver Nancy from Fayette County have just returned from a 2-day immersion in outdoor watershed study at TMI's base camp.

Though it was quite chilly the troops rallied with the TMI staff, lead by Kevin to learning massive amounts about natural resources, ecology, and their fragility revealing the value for protection and reclamation.

The group collected and analyzed water samples, chemical, biological and physical, from Narrow Ridge Creek. All camped out in yurt structures.

A team planting willow cuttings from one creek to another to deter cattle from damaging the creek habit and stream health.



Fayette Stream Samplers at Work

The "pinnacle" of the trip was lunch and a hike to the top of Spruce Knob for a lesson in geology and to see the



Fayette Stream Samplers Team Atop Spruce Knob two significant watersheds, the Allegheny and the Potomac, one on each side of the peak.

Across the board all participants, young and old sing "awesome" praise of the venture! So what's next? Well we're not done with this program yet.

On November 18th the team will convene for a "placed-based" sampling event in a local New River tributary to explore what's happenin' in our backyard?

We'll have a follow up in our next newsletter.

Meadow River News

In August Mark Ehrnschwender & Meredith Gregg went to Rupert to meet and provide some information on grass roots organizations, successful approaches, what they can do and what it takes. They discussed an initial project to get visibility and attract members. The group was on the brink of "do we or don't we", looks like the do and they are off and running.

Meadow River Watershed Association MRWA is a newly incorporated organization comprised of community members interested in improving the environment and economy in the Meadow River area. The goal of this organization is to bring progressive change to the Meadow River area by working on community driven and focused projects.

MRWA is looking for volunteers who are interested in being a part of the exciting future of the Meadow River area.

- PAN Paddler, Anglers, and Climbers - this means you.

Anyone agreeing with MRWA's organizational purposes and goals, who donates \$5 or more annually may become a general member.

MRWA will be holding its next meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2008 at the Rupert Community Center.

The purpose of this meeting will be to register new members and work on the plan of action for the Meadow River Youth Park.

For more information contact Meadow River Watershed Association, Inc. at P.O. Box 43, Rupert, West Virginia 25984, 304-392-2095 or meadowriver@gmail.com

Meadow River Youth Park

Meadow River Watershed Association, Inc. (MRWA) announces Plan of Action Agreement with Meadow

River Youth Park, Inc. and is currently working on plans to redevelop the Meadow River Youth Park near Rainelle, WV. On October 7, 2008, MRWA signed an agreement to develop a plan of action with the park's owner, Meadow River Youth Park, Inc. The action plan is to restore the park to a safe condition to allow its use by the general public for recreational and educational activities.

Greenbrier Comprehensive Plan

Meghan Dorsett, AICP, Cambria Planning Group

The majority of participants at the first workshop were from the Greenbrier River Watershed Association. You all may want to add additional goals or suggest revisions to existing goals to reflect concerns from the MRWA, as well as Rupert, Rainelle, and environs.

The notes from the first Greenbrier County comprehensive plan community workshop are available online at www.greenbriercounty.net. The survey results will be updated through November 15th. If you have yet to take the community survey, it is available online. Deadline extended to November 1, go to the comprehensive plan page to access the online version of the survey and the preliminary results of the community survey.

Workshops are open to anyone with a stake in the future of Greenbrier County. 3 more workshops are scheduled:

- October 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided), Administrative Building Meeting Room, State Fairgrounds, Fairlea
- November 8, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided), Cafeteria, Greenbrier West High School, Charmco (Confirm this online or contact MRWA)
- November 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (lunch provided), Administrative Building Meeting Room, State Fairgrounds, Fairlea

All of you are strongly encourage to get involved with the process and have your voices heard. Additional information on the comprehensive planning process is available at: www.greenbriercounty.net.

You can access the blog site (which includes the workshop materials and comments) by clicking on the Work Group button in the left column and then the Work Group Blog button (left side) when the work group page comes up. You can also look at the state code requirements, indicator information, background information on the planning process.

Dempsey Borehole AMD WCAP

Meredith Gregg

This project was last covered in our June '07 Vol 9 No. 1 and tree planting was in October '07 Vol 9 No. 2

Here's some history:- Many years ago extensive deep mining occurred in the Sewell coal seam beneath the Laurel Creek watershed. As the underground mine was inundated with water after the mine was closed, pressure began to build resulting in artesian flows. In the late 1970's, the water blew out near the community of Dempsey, resulting in flooding to several homes and roadways. As a result, a borehole was drilled to alleviate the artesian pressure in the abandoned underground mine workings. Water discharged from the borehole, through an aeration pipe (the oozing orange

tower) and into three collecting ponds to let the sulfates and iron to drop out before discharging into Dempsey Branch of Laurel Creek. The discharge system greatly deteriorated through time and the borehole worsened to the point that water was discharging straight from the borehole to the creek. As a result, iron staining occurred in the water, killing the benthic community and affecting the health of Dempsey Branch and Laurel Creek, as well as flooding in the nearby roads and yards.

PAN was contacted by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSMRE) to involve us in the procurement of funds through the OSMRE's Watershed Cooperative Agreement Program (WCAP) for the project. The WCAP grant was awarded to PAN in 2006 which enabled the Abandon Mine Lands and Reclamation Division of the DEP to use these federal funds totaling \$99,797 in the spring of 2006, to reach the total funding expenses of over \$214,000.

The project's primary purpose was to reclaim and restore abandoned mine areas to protect the health, safety, and general welfare of the public and the environment. The project successfully capped the leaking borehole into the abandoned mine and filling in 2 of the 3 retaining ponds. The Dempsey Borehole tower and pond are constructed to work in unison to help remove the metals in the redirected mine waters flowing into the Laurel Creek at Dempsey Branch to hopefully acquire water quality conditions suitable for fish habitat through time. Water sampling shows that the high pH is lowering towards the neutral pH of 7. Construction began in 2006 and the grant reporting was closed this summer.



Dempsey Borehole October 2008 and Successful Planting (Right)

It is recognized that Laurel Creek is a beautiful winding stream in one of the state's most popular tourist destinations. This project is intended to restore the beauty of Laurel Creek from the headwaters to its discharge into the New River Gorge. Although the iron quantities are not extremely high, discoloration of the stream was occurring. A visible improvement is noticeable, which is important because this stream discharges into the New River, a National River, and the economy of the area depends on tourism.

In addition, over 19 trees and shrubs were planted by PAN volunteers in the reclaimed area last year. The trees will improve the aquatic habitat with stream shading, cooling the water temperature and increasing detritus for habitat and foods for the fish and bugs, and it is

hoped that stream improvements will result in the streams ability to support trout year round.

This reclamation at the site has restored and improved the integrity of the borehole cap, preventing future blow-outs and flooding problems, as well as addressing the poor water quality discharge of the mine water.

This August, Finance officer, Lafayette Vance came to the PAN office from Pittsburgh's Office of Surface Mining. After Mr. Vance found the grant reporting complete PAN's obligation was terminated. Eric Autenreith kindly took Mr. Vance for lunch at the Cathedral Café and a tour of both WCAP projects, Dempsey Borehole and Summerlee AMD Treatment site. Thanks Eric!

PAN has one more year of grant reporting for the Summerlee AMD Treatment Phase 1 project.



Fayette's Carbon Footprint

Ginger Danz, GREAT TEAM Board Member

The Green Advisory Team aims to reduce Fayetteville's carbon footprint.

The GREAT (Green Advisory Team) is on a mission. The board meets to generate ideas and action plans for Fayetteville and Oak Hill, with an eye toward Fayette County, to achieve sustainability goals set by the US Mayors Climate Protection Act.

Our ultimate goal is to help city and county governments and residents curb carbon emissions and improve air and water quality.

GREAT has registered Fayetteville with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, or ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability. ICLEI membership provides community's the opportunity to use software for determining baseline greenhouse gas emissions.



GREAT will then work with local residents and government to develop a climate action plan to grow the community while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

The Fayette County Commissioners, and the mayors and town councils of Oak Hill and Fayetteville have agreed to help us gather information and set objectives like transitioning to energy-efficient lighting and fuel-efficient city vehicles. As the first town in West Virginia to join ICLEI, Fayetteville joins 959 cities, towns and counties worldwide.

GREAT members are currently gathering data within the 25840 zip code in order to measure energy use and make recommendations for reducing carbon emissions.

We hope Fayetteville will serve as a model for other West Virginia communities.

GREAT was originally founded by Kara Ware and Sue Plumley. Current board members include Sue Plumley, Patty Korn, Hillarie Jones, Doug Arbogast, Ginger Danz, and Mara Petretich. GREAT meetings are held at Gumbo's in Fayetteville the last Monday of every month at 6:30 pm.

OSM/VISTA Puts PAN On Mapping

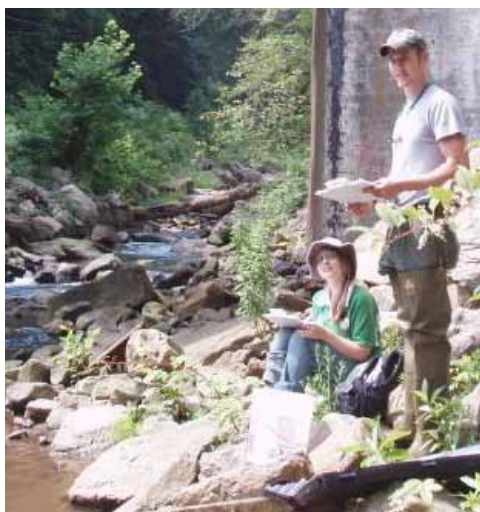
Liz Cushman, PAN's 1st OSM/VISTA Summer Associate, lays down a stellar performance. In her 8-week tour of duty Liz helped set up our "new" used computer from our friends at OSMRE, wrote, submitted, and received a \$9000 grant from ESRI for ESRI's Geographical Information System (GIS) program, ArcView 9.3 and 3 program extensions.



From Right: OSM/VISTA Summer Associate Liz Cushman, John Petretich, and our "new" used computer with ArcView Running

Liz then got permission from local agencies to import existing county mapping information (topographical, infrastructure, roads, etc.) to provide a robust county wide mapping base and compiled all of PAN's water monitoring data since 1999. Then set up basic scripts so we can analyze the data in the coming months. Provided the board with an introductory training and trained her supervisor John Petretich on everything he needs to know (right John?). And she even made time to get out into the field.

Along with ArcView 9.3 and it's mapping power, Pan got licenses for these powerful extensions:



Liz and DEP intern Adam Buckley, Monitoring at Mouth of Wolf Creek

- 3D Analyst - to realistically visualize and analyze both aspects of the watershed – ground and surface water.
- Geostatistical Analyst - to recognize trends and patterns between water quality, stressors, and demographic data
- Spatial Analyst - for hydrologic and statistical analysis, and the creation of density maps for clear overall pictures of variables within the watershed.

Given the amount of water quality and stressor data correlating to sampling sites along the entire 10-mile stretch of Wolf Creek, the most effective way for PAN to analyze the data and understand the status of Wolf Creek is to utilize a GIS program. With the capabilities of a GIS program, PAN will be able to: effectively manage and analyze water quality data; account for the ever-dynamic causes of biological impairment along Wolf Creek, including agricultural run-off, dams, an abandoned car yard, increasing development, and raw sewage inputs; recognize issues involving property rights; and make better and faster decisions regarding restoration.

With a more complete understanding of Wolf Creek's condition, PAN can make steps towards implementing the next phase of the AMD treatment of the coal refuse pile seeps at the headwaters of Wolf Creek. And if we can figure out how to turn it on much, much more.

This GIS package will provide PAN with the capabilities to create informational maps, graphics, and videos to be used in reports, public presentations, and as part of the educational workshops held by PAN in Fayette County schools.

Shameless Self-Promotion

There is nothing wrong with self-promotion and celebration. It is who we are, what we do, and these are the things that make PAN what it is.

Local Advocates Honored

George Santucci, Executive Director National Committee for New River (NCNR) - Jefferson, NC

PAN Member, National Parks Group and Congressman Recognized for Outstanding Conservation Efforts at New River Gorge

More than one hundred supporters of the National Committee for the New River (NCNR) gathered on Saturday, July 26, to present their annual Wallace and Peggy Carroll Vigilance Awards. The awards honor the spirit, dedication, and perseverance that former Winston-Salem Journal publisher and editor Wallace Carroll, and his wife Peggy, brought to the battle to save the New River from a massive dam project in the 1970s. The Wallace and Peggy Carroll Vigilance Awards recognize the efforts of individ-



Erin Haddix-St John (NPCA) and Eric Autenreith (PAN)

uals and citizen groups whose outstanding dedication and work protects and preserves the New River.

In West Virginia, NCNR recognized Eric Autenreith as a Wallace and Peggy Carroll Volunteer of the Year. Eric serves as the Secretary of the Board of the Plateau Action Network and is a one-man New River advocate and expert. He works tirelessly holding local government accountable for important river-related issues and serves as an important source of information for policy makers, office holders, and land stakeholders in the New River watershed.

Also in West Virginia, the Wallace and Peggy Carroll Vigilance Award Advocacy Group of the Year recognized the National Parks Conservation Association. Erin Haddix-St. John accepted the award on behalf of NPCA. She coordinates a quarterly roundtable discussion with New River Gorge stakeholders, serves as a spokesperson for conservation easements, and promotes alternatives to subdivision and development in the New River Gorge National River and surrounding area.

NCNR selected WV Congressman Nick Rahall as Legislator of the Year. Santucci noted, "Congressman Rahall had the vision, more than thirty years ago, to spearhead the creation of the New River Gorge National River. As chairman of the House's Committee on Natural Resources and WV's Third District representative, he continues to work for issues vital to the future health of the New River."

For more information, visit: <http://www.ncnr.org/>.

OSM/VISTA Recognized

Meredith Gregg Enriches PAN and Fayette County Communities

Eric Autenreith

In September, PAN honored Meredith's two years of amazing service as an OSM/VISTA (Office of Surface Mining/Volunteer in Service to America). She was also awarded a certificate of commendation by the Fayette County Commissioners for her volunteer service to Fayette County and its citizens.

The progress made these past two years would have been impossible without her. Below is an excerpt from Meredith's final report to OSM and VISTA.

"My overall experience as an OSM/VISTA has been extremely valuable and educational for me. This position gave me an opportunity to help and truly focus in on this organization that I have been involved with over the past decade in one way or another. The biggest challenges I faced were issues of community misperception of our organization. I overcame hurdles with the help of others in and outside the organization. New members to



County Commissioner Ken Eskew Presents Meredith with Community Service Commendation

PAN and the community were very important. At the beginning of my 1st term, they were able to see "more" of what PAN could be to the community. They were not present when rifts between PAN active vocal members and local government occurred on local issues of responsible economic development and sustainable environmental management. The most important lessons I learned were that with fresh eyes you can move beyond the past and build a brighter tomorrow.

These new, active members wanted to expand the organization's focus, looking to the local children for making a positive impact on protecting and improving our community's natural resources. With this kind of focus, I found that funding and partnerships are more forthcoming and available. Starting from the "bottom" up (with kids) seemed less threatening to the membership and community. We began to broaden our appeal to the community.

Overall, the experience filled me with appreciation of the need and effectiveness of steady work in developing good relations and good programs. I have witnessed the community, over time, gaining awareness, interest and a willingness to participate in what we were offering to the community.

I believe all that PAN is doing is important to enhancing the overall quality of life here in the New River Gorge area, educationally and politically. Not every faction of our community sees that, but doors have been, and I believe will continue opening with the programs that are in place, through PAN volunteers and my initiatives."

The entire OSM/VISTA program has been a benefit to PAN with its vision, education, resources and by setting an amazing example of how to be an effective organization. Our organization and the community have been enriched by the presence of the ACCWT (Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team) staff and OSM/VISTAs that have worked here. Meredith is a past chair of PAN and as an active member has agreed to supervise our new OSM/VISTA. Thank You Meredith!



Meredith Sports Her PAN Tree of Life Award and Eric Shows Off His Wallace and Peggy Carroll Award

And Lest We Forget

M Ehrnschwender

We are all winners. Our actions are our beliefs and as such they are noble and though not always appreciated

by all in content they are in time appreciate for the simple fact that we pursued our beliefs.

Win or lose, good and bad are not valid measuring vessels. It is the effort of trying to do "the right thing" that matters. It is the act of trying to make a difference that makes the difference.

I would find it hard to say what was the greatest award over the past year. So much to choose from ranging from Watershed of the year to Rachel's letter.



Thanks For Your Support

M Ehrnschwender

The WV Watershed Network

has been supporting watershed groups for a long time and their efforts include providing information on relevant events, conferences, funding opportunities and a forum for communication. Additionally the Stream Partners Grants provide vital funding for keeping many small groups up and running and the value of the regional basin coordinator is invaluable. Their annual Watershed Celebration Day to honor the hard working groups and their volunteers is the icing on the cake of all that they do. Rick, Jennifer, Teresa, Jami, Alvin, and all the rest of you Thanks.



Wild & Scenic Film Fest



After the success of last year's two show event we will be kicking off the 2nd annual film festival. The program will start up with high school student recruitment as School starts up after the 1st of the year (Jan 2009) with fun, work, and learning to plan, produce and present the film event in early - mid March. To get involved in this exciting hip event get on our list of interested players by contacting Meredith Gregg at 304 640 2100.



Schedule of Events

4 November - Election Day

Please take the time to vote your conscience. If you don't vote, your can't complain.

22 November - Adopt a Highway Clean Up:

2:00pm meeting at Fern Creek Trail Head Parking Lot.

2 December - Annual Membership Meeting:

6:00pm at Cathedral Cafe', This is PAN's annual membership meeting. Light refreshments will be served. We are looking at adopting new by-laws, Board nominees, and planning ahead. Be there to help us keep your watershed Organization on track.

5 January - Wild & Scenic Film Fest Kick-off

4:30pm Shoneys'

Check Us Out

PAN meets first Tuesday of the month 6:00 pm, at Gregg Studios, in Fayetteville. For more information call our OSM/VISTA at 304 574-4726 or a board member.

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Eric Autenreith – Secretary	304 574-1067
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Membership Form

PAN POB 482 Fayetteville WV 25840

Please Print

Name _____

Phone () - _____

Address _____

Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Yes, I would like to support PAN at this membership level _____

Individual @ \$20

Senior @ \$15

Family @ \$35 +

Student @ \$10

I do not want PAN to use my personal information to contact me for activities of related groups.

Enclosed is an additional contribution of _____

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Or go to www.plateauactionnetwork.org to sign up & donate.

The Price of Volunteerism

Mark Ehrnschwender

You'll find it in From the Chair (but it was their copy) and it was in the original cut of Ed's Notes.

That phrase and its numerous variations "... has worked tirelessly..." I guess it's the word in context actually, but I can assure you if you volunteer you'll get tired. I don't know anyone who after their normal day or gives up a weekend day to volunteer time and energy who doesn't get tired

Create WV

In attendance were Fayetteville and Fayette county players, Sharon Cruckshank, Denise Schlaph, Matt Wender, Calentha Quesenberry, Erin St John and business persons, Brandon Holms, Jenny Becksted, Keith Richardson, and several PAN members and others.

Two dynamic events were key note speeches for all conference attendees during meals. Curtis Johnson spoke of critical action needed by WV (and the US) to re-create the education system. His new book, "Disputing Class" focuses on taking innovation seriously as an education strategy. Dr. Mary-Francis Winters' dynamic speech titled "Create a Culture of Inclusion" spoke to how change brings predicted responses and how we can, and should help people deal with change and. Learning to rid your community of the scarcity mentality and "grow the pie" with the new economy and inclusion.

The conference button circle and slash on top of the word "misonicism", misonicism is the fear of change.

There were break out sessions on multiple tracks including; Education and Diversity, Technology(energy), Diversity, Place, Business, and Resources for more intensive topic focus.

I was so glad to see some fearless local leaders there, embracing "change" and inquiring how to succeed with other WVBCs (West Virginians Born or By Choice) determined to lead southern WV to craft our future and stop following. So let's not let the mo-jo in Fayetteville be denied, let's celebrate diversity and include the people that are riding the way of the new economy: "Creatives" like artists, musicians, athletes, sportsman, educators, environmentalists, farmers, techies, architects and the like.

And lets remember the mantra of PAN's founding group...we are advocating responsible economic development and sustainable environmental management...sounds a bit meek for our new times but it supports the groundwork to Create West Virginia!

In Your Backyard

Joy Marr

IWell, I hope you have enjoyed reading about the great stuff your watershed group has accomplished in the past few months and what else we've been up to in our 'free time'. As I read over this issue of the newsletter I feel energized about what is getting done and excited about what is coming down the pipe to our community.

I also recognize (somewhere in the back of my consciousness) the reality that I can't keep up with it all, as much as I liked to... and feel a vague ache in my stomach knowing that finding new and interested folks to help carry on this worthwhile work is getting harder and harder; many of the sitting board members terms will end this March and I see no willing replacements on the horizon.

I realize that perhaps most folks have no idea what it takes to be a board member on a local watershed group. So I thought I'd try to fill you in with the hope of relieving some unfounded, but firmly held concept that it's demanding, time consuming, complicated and requires some kind of special knowledge or attributes.

The time issue: Just how much time do I spend on PAN? As Treasurer I reconcile the bank statements and checking accounts. There are three of them. One is static so I do nothing with it except monitor it (read the statement, put it in the binder). This takes about an hour a month or less. I keep the WV Stream Partners Grant account up to date and submit a reconciliation of the account expenditures twice a year and takes about 2-3 hours (due to the great work the PAN OSM/VISTA does for us-that's for another story). Then there are the monthly meetings, typically one night a month and another 2-3 hours there. I don't make all of them but I try to). So I'm up to 7 hours a month.

Some months I do get into more stuff, some months much less. It depends on what other activities I want to get in on (water sampling, a conference on clean water, a film project on the environment) and what I have going in my world.

Being a part of a watershed board is something that does take time. I'm not trying to down play that part of it (since it's why everyone says they can't get more involved), but I hope you see that it is compatible and not beyond most folks scheduling demands.

Special attributes: Ha! I have none, well at least when it comes to being on the board of a watershed group. I have a rough knowledge of Roberts' Rules of Order and an appreciation of the complexities of working within a group (sometimes you jive- sometimes you don't - don't sweat it - remember your manners), but I have no special training, certifications or degrees specific to being on a board or managing an organization. I hope you see that it is not beyond most folk's abilities.

Demanding: Well possibly... I have pride in what PAN has accomplished as a collective-collaboration and what it has required of me; to search for the middle ground, try thinking outside the box, extend myself to the public (and its scrutiny), remember to mind my manners when its all I can do to not sputter some #@@%**@ quip.

But really none of these things are demanding, they're really just the stuff we do to get along in life everyday. So I guess it's not all that demanding after all.

I hope you will join us at our next meeting... see you there!

**The Appalachian Coal
Country Watershed Team**

(ACCWT). The ACCWT coordinates all the OSM/VISTA in the eastern US and is housed with the WV CCC in Beckley West Virginia. They provide OSM/VISTA to support watershed groups in developing sustainability and capacity in coal affected communities. Additionally they provide trainings for member groups, provide a forum for communication on coalfield issues. They support outreach and educational efforts and are a resource for information on coal related impacts and solutions, funding sources and more. So to Alan, et. al. thanks to you all.



Fayette County Teachers Learning Stream
Sampling Basic at TMI on Spruce Knob

