



## ***Forestry News You Can Use*** **September 2016**

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### **DON'T MISS THE PFA ANNUAL MEETING LATER THIS MONTH!**

Hopefully you've already signed up to attend the annual meeting scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24 of THIS MONTH at [The Woodlands](#) in Wilkes-Barre. If you have procrastinated, there is still time to register for the meeting. Please sign up now using the attached registration form. Come for the Board meeting on Friday evening, the guided tour of an anthracite coal mine on Saturday afternoon and the awards banquet on Saturday night. Hope to see you there!



**WHAT'S ALL THE BUZZ ABOUT?** PFA members Linda Finley and John Laskowski took a few moments during Ag Progress Days last month for a photo opportunity with the Pennsylvania Honey Queen and a friendly, larger-than-life honey bee. It was a sweet moment for all!

### **PENNSYLVANIA'S FALL FOLIAGE**

Autumn is one of the most beautiful seasons in Pennsylvania and DCNR is offering a weekly fall foliage [report](#) on its website beginning September 22. Key personnel in the Bureau of Forestry will provide suggestions on the best spots to view fall foliage and will visitors can even access a map for more details.

### **BLAST FROM THE PAST – CCC CAMPING EVENT**

Attached are details on an encampment event being held at Parker Dam State Park that allows you to experience what life was like in the 1930's for members of the Civilian Conservation Corp. Registrations for this free event are being accepted through September 10.

### **LOGGER FAMILY WANTED**

The PFA received a call from the History Channel and Punch Drunk Pictures who are looking for father and son pairs at odds over generational values and the best way to manage the family estate - whether that's a family business, property, assets or savings. Specifically, they are looking for a father and son logger family.

The show is inspired by the concept of "incentive trusts" whereby recipients have to prove they're ready to inherit the family estate. As the attached flyer reads: Dads, if you want your son to walk a mile in your shoes before he takes over your estate, we want to hear from you. Contact information is provided in the attachment for those interested in responding.

### **GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES**

Versant Strategies is providing a monthly listing of potential grants/opportunities below which may be of interest to you.

#### **DCNR Announces Grants Available for Protecting Non-Game Species**

Harrisburg, PA - The Wild Resource Conservation [Program](#) is again accepting applications for grants to protect the state's native biodiversity. The program, overseen by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, safeguards Pennsylvania's non-game animals, native plants and their habitat. Grant applications will be accepted in three areas: surveys, research, and conservation and management.

Among this year's grant priorities are projects focused on species that include the Northern goshawk, yellow lady's slipper and Chesapeake logperch. Applicants are encouraged to review the detailed list of priorities to ensure that their project fits this year's criteria.

The grant round opened Aug.1 and will close Sept. 28. Applications only will be accepted electronically through DCNR's online grant application system. Apply here for a [grant](#).

### **Chesapeake Bay Trust – K through 12 Environmental Education Mini-Grant**

For: Schools, organizations, and agencies

Grants to educate students about their local watersheds and how they can become environmental stewards and make a difference in watershed health. Program supports outdoor learning experiences around a watershed issue investigation including field trips, fieldwork, student-led action projects and schoolyard habitat projects as well as building teacher capacity to implement environmental education.

Amounts: Up to \$5,000

Deadlines: January 13, 2017

For More

Information: [http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.5457547/k.D6AC/K12\\_Environmental\\_Education\\_Mini\\_Grant.htm](http://www.cbtrust.org/site/c.miJPKXPCJnH/b.5457547/k.D6AC/K12_Environmental_Education_Mini_Grant.htm)

### **Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection – Environmental Education Grants**

For: Schools, non-profits, businesses

Grants fund educational programs for all levels of students and can focus on a variety of environmental issues. Some examples include educational programs on agricultural nutrient management, abandoned mine drainage/reclamation; water conservation; private water wells, groundwater, storm water management; cold water habitats and fisheries; and other related topics.

Amounts: Up to \$3,000.

Deadlines: 2017 program announcement not yet released; based on past information, the grant application will be due in mid-December.

For More

Information: <http://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/EnvironmentalEducation/Grants/Pages/default.aspx>. Click on link for the program manual.

### **The McLean Contributionship**

For: Non-profit organizations in the greater Philadelphia for a variety of projects including capital improvements. Categories include: Arts, Culture, and Humanities; Education; Animals and the Environment; Health; and Human Services. The Trustees believe the resources of The Contributionship can be used most effectively by making a relatively limited number of grants for projects of long-term benefit—rather than by underwriting continuing operating expenses. The Trustees focus on capital projects: bricks and mortar, endowment, or will provide seed money for projects to enhance understanding of the environment, promote education, motivate disadvantaged young people, and encourage those in media to become more effective promoters of information to help people understand better issues in their communities.

Amounts: Vary with project, see list of past grants, \$1,000 - \$100,000 in Environment and Animals category.

Deadlines: Board meets in March, June, September, and December. Deadlines are six weeks before board meetings. For December 7, 2016 meeting, deadline is October 26, 2016.

For More Information: See <http://fdnweb.org/mclean/>

### **Articles of Interest**

*Following are articles specific to your interests:*

- 08-31-2016     [\*\*PGC: Share Comments on State Game Lands Access\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-26-2016     [\*\*DCNR Secretary, Others Mark Official Opening of Patrick J. Solano...\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-25-2016     [\*\*Inquirer editorial: Cash the best gift to celebrate national parks system's birthday\*\*](#)  
From Independence Hall in Philadelphia to the redwood forest in California's Sequoia National Park, the country's national parks today are celebrating the 100th anniversary of President Woodrow Wilson's signing of the National Park Service Act, which established the agency that protects... - [\*Philadelphia Inquirer\*](#)
- 08-25-2016     [\*\*Will our national parks survive the next 100 years?\*\*](#)  
For a westerner, it felt like an abundance of water in a year of drought as we stood at the overlook of Great Falls watching the Potomac River being funneled through the Mather Gorge named after Stephen T. Mather, the first director of the National Park Service. The cascading rapids and dramatic... - [\*Los Angeles Times\*](#)
- 08-23-2016     [\*\*DCNR: Annual Archery Deer Hunt Planned at Neshaminy State Park\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-22-2016     [\*\*The elusive search for the center of Pennsylvania\*\*](#)  
STATE GAME LANDS 333 — Somewhere on a rugged tree-lined ravine about halfway between State College and Bellefonte is the geographic center of Pennsylvania. It is admittedly at best a curiosity: The abstract idea that if you peeled Pennsylvania off the map and tried to balance on the head of a pin, the... - [\*Harrisburg Patriot-News\*](#)
- 08-22-2016     [\*\*Editorial: Heed wildfires' scorching lesson\*\*](#)  
Fires are searing huge swaths of drought-stricken California, threatening the lives and property of tens of thousands of residents. Fires have scorched large areas of Monroe County, too, during dry years. And in both regions, changes in the way people live have raised both... - [\*Pocono Record\*](#)
- 08-19-2016     [\*\*Jt. Legislative Conservation Commission Environmental Synopsis for August 2016\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)
- 08-17-2016     [\*\*DEP Announces Changes to 2017 Environmental Education Grants\*\*](#)  
(Press Release)

- 08-17-2016 **[Retired forester among lauded at conservation awards dinner](#)**  
The Schuylkill Conservation District recognized those who helped improve the community through conservation at an awards dinner Tuesday evening at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park. In addition to the annual awards given out in 10 categories, two people were honored for their long-standing commitment to conservation in the... - [Pottsville Republican and Evening Herald](#)
- 08-16-2016 **[DCNR Survey Seeking Feedback From ATV Enthusiasts Across Pa.](#)**  
(Press Release)
- 08-16-2016 **[ANF Proposes Longhouse Scenic Byway Road Maintenance Project](#)**  
WARREN — The Allegheny National Forest is proposing a major road maintenance project on the Longhouse National Scenic Byway (Forest Road 262 ). The project may begin the summer of 2017. District Ranger Rich Hatfield said the project includes replacing nearly... - [Bradford Era](#)
- 08-15-2016 **[We're fortunate for this commitment to city forests](#)**  
I am very happy about the city's 200th birthday present, a new park that means the permanent preservation of Hays Woods. Not only does this mean our neighborhood's green mountain viewshed will remain, but I can breathe easier knowing the magnificent forests that can be found there will... - [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- 08-15-2016 **[National parks preserve region's – and nation's – triumphs, clashes, tragedies](#)**  
By 1916, the United States boasted 32 national parks, preserving picturesque attractions nationwide such as Yellowstone's Old Faithful geyser and Yosemite's Granite Dome. The trouble is, in the more than 40 years after the first park was designated, actual preservation was hit and miss.... - [Johnstown Tribune-Democrat](#)
- 08-11-2016 **[Game Commission appoints new director of Northwest Region](#)**  
Richard Cramer has been named the new director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Northwest Region. He has spent many of his 25 years with the Game Commission in the Northwest Region and will take over for the now retired Keith Harbaugh. "I am truly humbled to be named region director and intend to do my... - [Erie Times-News](#)

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