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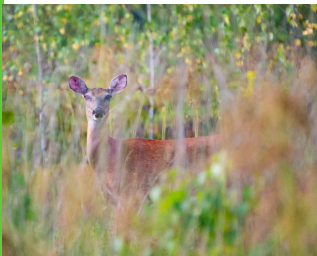
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## OUR MISSION

**THE PRESERVATION  
AND CONSERVATION OF  
THE WILDLIFE AND  
WETLANDS ALONG THE  
SCENIC SCHUYLKILL  
RIVER IN NORTHERN  
BERKS AND SOUTHERN  
SCHUYLKILL COUNTY**



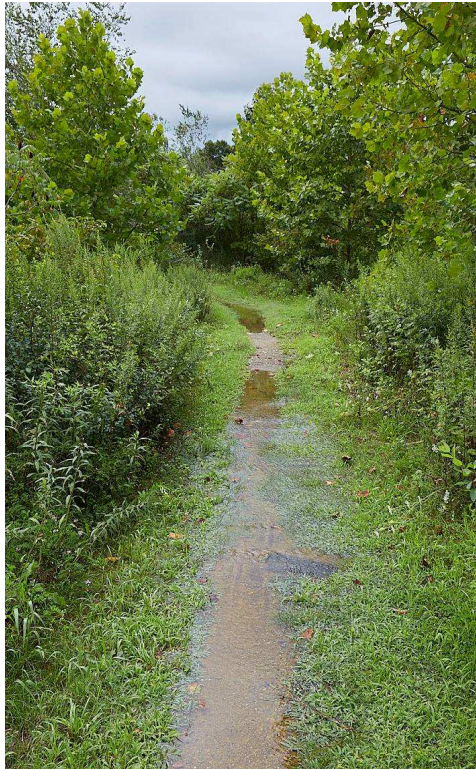
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## A SOGGY SUMMER

When will it stop raining? Even though we've officially entered winter, it still hasn't stopped. 2018 ended up one of the wettest years on record, with the seemingly constant rain beginning at the end of July and lasting through the fall (for the most part).

The wet weather seemed to put a damper on the activity at the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area. The summer months are traditionally a slow period for Blue Mountain Wildlife, but they are the busiest for the Kerny. This year, however, what few activities Blue Mountain Wildlife planned to accomplish suffered delays due to the wet weather. Fortunately, the two main events of the Blue Mountain Wildlife



summer season, the annual Dragonfly Walk in August and the Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race on Labor Day weekend, went off without a hitch, in spite of cloudy skies. A

number of work projects, primarily those in support of Mackenzie Greenawalt's Native Plant Garden project, were delayed due to rain or muddy conditions. Eventually the project was completed, albeit a little later than scheduled.

Visitor traffic at the Kerny seemed to be a little less this year, probably due to the rain that seemed to occur mainly on the weekends. This also seemed to be the case with trespassers headed to the Dam or to Pulpit Rock. While decreased trespassing will probably have no effect on whether the upper Kerny will be reopened to the public, it does generate less trash, which makes Blue Mountain Wildlife's efforts to keep the area clean easier.

With winter here (at least according to the calendar), perhaps the rain will stop. Although that usually means snow instead.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—WINTER 2018

Thursday January 10, 2019...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library  
Friday January 25, 2019...Annual Membership Banquet and Meeting 6:00 p.m. C.J. Hummel's  
Thursday February 14, 2019...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library  
Thursday March 14, 2019...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library



## WALKING WITH DRAGONFLIES

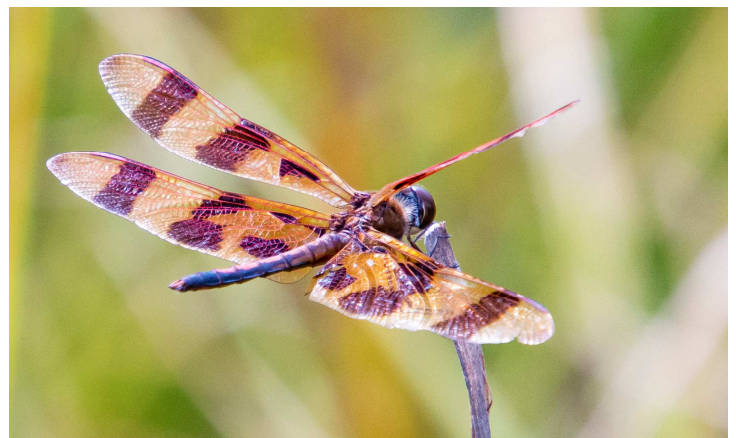
NEVEN DRIES

The Kernsville Dam Desilting Basing is one of the top places in Berks county for diversity of Dragonfly species.

The Annual Dragonfly Walk through the Basin was held on Saturday August 11th. The Walk is sponsored by Baird Ornithological Society. Ken Lebo was the leader. Fifteen people attended the walk and learned a lot about dragonfly behavior and mating.

We had a nice warm day with some sun showing up to bring the dragonflies out. Many of the dragonflies posed for photos.

Fourteen different species of dragonflies and damselflies that were seen on today's walk: Common Green Darner, Blue Dasher, Eastern Pondhawk, Spangled Skimmer, Slaty Skimmer, Twelve-spotted Skimmer, Calico Pennant, Halloween Pennant, Wandering Glider, Carolina Saddlebags, Black Saddlebags, Azure Bluet, Fragile Forktail, and Eastern Forktail.







**THE 6TH ANNUAL DINE & DASH BURGERS & TRAIL RACE**

**GREGG ADAMS**

The Sixth Annual Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race kicked off the 2018 Taste of Hamburg-er Festival. Under cloudy skies, the twenty-nine participants gathered, selected their tie-dye t-shirts and steeled themselves for the grueling event about to start. The burgers were brought out, each runner preparing the burger as appropriate—some for taste, some for speed of consumption. The D&D Race Team, led by Amy Browder, finalized the preparations. When all was in readiness, Amy briefed the participants and Gregg Adams started the race with a blast from the air horn. After finishing their first burger, the runners dashed off toward the Schuylkill River and the Etchberger Trail. A mile up-river, they arrived at the turn-around point and set upon their second burger. Upon finishing the second burger, each runner collected his

or her set of beads and raced back to Hamburg and the Finish Line.

Dale Schneck crossed the finish line first—the Fastest Male with a time of 15:52. Melisa Langston claimed the Fastest Female prize with a time of 20:29. Female age category winners included Lizzie “Batman” Schwinger and Erica Wood. Male age category winners included Cameron Smiley, Jon Greely and Troy Seitzinger. Best Costume prize went to Jon Kline as “The Dude.” The Fastest Dog prize went to Phin (and owner Ryan Witman). Judge’s Choice awards went to Tania Wargo and Akira for Best Dog in Costume, and to Andrew Wood for Farthest Travelled.

A big THANKS goes out to our wonderful volunteers, and to The Westy and Russo’s for providing the tasty burgers.





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