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ALONG THE SCENIC  
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NORTHERN BERKS AND  
SOUTHERN SCHUYLKILL  
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## A HOPEFUL ENDING TO A LONG YEAR

As I look out my window I still see a northern Berks in the grips of Old Man Winter. But just a few short months ago, we were raking up the last of the leaves and saying goodbye to 2021. A few good things happened at the Kerny last fall and it's time to recognize them. BMW hit the road to participate in the

Hawk Mountain Council's Jubilee and then returned home to host the annual History Hike. But the big news is that there's a beautiful new gazebo that overlooks the basin. Take a look at the rest of the newsletter and catch up on the great things happening at the Kerny! And don't forget to mark

## ANNUAL BANQUET RESCHEDULED

GREGG ADAMS

The 18th Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet has been rescheduled to Friday April 1st. No Foolin'!

The Officers and Directors of Blue Mountain Wildlife re-invite you to join us for the Eighteenth Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet. This is always a wonderful opportunity to meet the folks who give a bit of themselves to protect and improve the Kerny, to find out what's been going on at the Kerny and what's being planned for the future, and to join and enjoy our little community. The Banquet will be held at The Loft in C.J. Hummel's Restaurant in Lenhartsville on Friday April 1st. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. with the

committee reports, election of officers, honors ceremony and "A Look Ahead". This year, we will be enjoying a buffet meal, which will include tossed salad, choice of two entrees (Stuffed Flounder or Roast Beef) and three sides (Mashed Potatoes, Corn and Green Beans), fruits, dinner rolls and non-alcoholic drinks for \$25 per person. After the meal service, we will have presentations from Berks Nature's Sarah Chudnofsky and noted author Sandy Sorlien. Although reservations are not required, it is requested that you RSVP by Sunday March 24th. To do so, email info@BlueMountainWildlife.com or call Gregg Adams at 610-562-2386. If you wish to pay ahead of

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS—SPRING 2022

Thursday March 10, 2022...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library  
Friday April 1, 2022—Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet 6:00 to 9:00 pm The Loft at CJ Hummel's Restaurant in Lenhartsville, PA  
Thursday April 14, 2022...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library  
Saturday April 23, 2022...Earth Day Clean-Up 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monument Parking Lot

## HAWK MOUNTAIN COUNCIL JUBILEE

GREGG ADAMS

The Hawk Mountain Council was to celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 2020, but we all know what happened there. So they rescheduled their Jubilee to this fall and invited a number of local groups to participate. Blue Mountain Wildlife took them up on their offer and, on a beautiful Saturday October 2nd, joined over 700 scouts and their families at the Schuylkill County Fair-

grounds to celebrate. A steady stream of people passed by the BMW stand - some who were familiar with the Kerny but many who were not. It was a fun day of answering questions from those curious about the Kerny and swapping stories with those who know her well.

Blue Mountain Wildlife would like to thank the Hawk Mountain Council for inviting us to



## A SOGGY HISTORY HIKE

GREGG ADAMS

The last event on the Blue Mountain Wildlife calendar is typically the History Hike. It's a great chance for people to learn about the long and interesting history of the Kerny and the Schuylkill Water Gap, to get out and enjoy the fall colors in a truly beautiful setting, and to get one of the few chances to legally hike the area between the Monument Parking Lot and the

Rock.

This year, the History Hike took place on a damp and chilly Saturday October 23rd. The weather also put a damper on attendance, as only six people braved the elements to hike the Kerny. In spite of the weather, the participants had a great time learning about the railroad, the canal system, and the "Moving of the River".



**A NEW ADDITION**

**GREGG ADAMS**

On November 2nd, the Kerny received a new addition to the amenities at the Monument Parking Lot. Blue Mountain Wildlife teamed up with the Hamburg Rotary Club to purchase a gazebo. BMW has been planning for a gazebo to overlook the basin for over a decade now, but it took Kay Greenawalt to bring together a grant opportunity, a donation from the Hamburg Rotary Club and BMW to make it finally happen. Kay performed much of the legwork and coordination between the organizations and secured the funding to purchase the twelve- by sixteen-foot structure from Green Acres Outdoor Living in White-

hall. BMW Director Jim Turner worked with Green Acres to set up the site prep and delivery. He also oversaw the installation on November 5th and made sure the gazebo was installed correctly and as ordered.

As you can see from the pictures below, the gazebo is a fine addition to the Kernsville Dam Recreation Area. It looks great, is low-maintenance and should benefit visitors for many years to come. Blue Mountain Wildlife wishes to thank Kay Greenawalt and the Hamburg Rotary for their generous contribution to the Kerny. Kay is in the process of scheduling a



**SAVE THE DATE! EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP ON SATURDAY APRIL 23RD.**





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