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ANOTHER QUIET SUMMER

“No news is good news” as the saying goes. If that’s the case, there was a lot of good news this summer at the Kerny. After a burst of spring-time events, the Kerny settled into the natural rhythms of the summer. While the I-78 construction moved closer to its conclusion, the rest of the Kerny drifted through the summer months peacefully and offered its many visitors the chance to share in that peace and tranquility.

The Taste of Hamburger Festival marked the end of the summer sea-

son. The Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race returned to the Festival and helped Blue Mountain Wildlife raise over a thousand much-needed dollars.

The fall saw some much needed improvements, such as new signage and repairs to the flood-damaged portions of the Therman Madeira Switchback. But those stories are for the Fall newsletter, coming soon. Until then, be sure to RSVP for the BMW Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet on Friday

BMW SUPPORTS THE TASTE OF HAMBURGER FESTIVAL

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Once again, Blue Mountain Wildlife not only attended the Taste of Hamburger Festival, but its volunteers supported one of the Festival’s premier events, the Professional Burger Eating Contest. This annual event brings some of the best local and national professional eaters to Hamburg to compete for cash prizes,

to the delight of the Burger Festival crowds. BMW volunteers set up, cleaned up, served up the burgers, officiated the contest, and provided the official burger counts. They also had front-row seats to the culinary carnage that is the hallmark of this unique event. A big THANK YOU goes out to our seven volunteers!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—WINTER 2023

Thursday January 12, 2023...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library
Friday January 27, 2023...Annual Membership Banquet and Meeting 6:00 p.m. C.J. Hummel's Lenhartsville
Thursday February 9, 2023...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library
Thursday March 9, 2023...BMW Monthly Business Meeting 6:00 to 8:00 pm Hamburg Library

OFF TO THE RACES—THE DINE & DASH RETURNS TO THE TASTE OF HAMBURGER FESTIVAL

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After a three-year hiatus, the Dine & Dash Burgers & Trail Race returned to the Taste of Hamburger Festival. COVID still adversely impacts volunteering, but BMW was able to muster enough volunteers to bring the D&D back as its main fundraiser this year. Sponsorship was also an issue, as Hamburg-area restaurants are still dealing with staffing issues. Fortunately, LaFaver Farm Store stepped up and provided the burgers for the event. Sixteen participants

(including three dogs) stepped up to the tables to wolf down the LaFaver Farm 6-ounce patties before heading down the Etchberger Trail. Jordan Boyer and Katherine Proudfoot took Fastest Male and Female for the event, with Declan Murphy, Dale Schneck, Charlene Rarick-Knauss, Kelly McCarty and Ian Luckey placing 1st in their age categories. A big thanks to LaFaver Farm Store and all the volunteers and participants for making the 2022 D&D a success!





SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2023 BMW ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BANQUET

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The Officers and Directors of Blue Mountain Wildlife invite you to join us for the Nineteenth 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 January 27th. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m.

with the committee reports, election of officers, honors ceremony and "A Look Ahead". We will be enjoying a buffet meal which will include tossed salad, choice of two entrees (turkey 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 some guest speakers to entertain and enlighten. Although reservations are not required, please RSVP by January 24th by calling Gregg Adams at 610-562-2386 or



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