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Senator John J. Bonacic, at podium, and Sean Hanofee, left, aide to Assemblyman Jacob E. Gunther III, announce their \$50,000 funding initiative to enhance economic development, promote tourism, and improve river access in the eight New York town members of the Upper Delaware Council at a July 11, 2000 press conference held on the Narrowsburg, NY shore of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

State Funds to Benefit New York River Towns

Legislators Issue Challenge to Pennsylvania

For the first time, a state-funded \$50,000 grant pool is being offered to enhance economic development, promote tourism, and improve river access in the eight New York town members of the Upper Delaware Council (UDC).

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R-40th District) and Assemblyman Jake Gunther (D/C-98th District) announced on July 11 that they had each secured \$25,000 for this initiative, and designated the UDC to assist them in its administration.

"We believe the Upper Delaware Council has broad experience in promoting environmentally friendly projects and also has the needed consensus-building ability

to ensure effective and appropriate projects for river access and improvements," Bonacic and Gunther said.

The Towns of Hancock, Fremont, Delaware, Cochection, Tusten, Highland, Lumberland, and Deepark are eligible to apply for a share of the state funds.

The UDC's membership also includes three out of the possible seven Pennsylvania townships that border on the Upper Delaware River, plus the two states and the Delaware River Basin Commission.

In a joint statement, Bonacic and Gunther encouraged their counterparts in Pennsylvania to offer similar funding for

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Most land along the Upper Delaware River is privately owned. Please be considerate and don't litter or trespass. Thanks!

Representative Profile: David J. Lamereaux

David J. Lamereaux, a 33-year employee of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), has evolved with his agency.

He started out working for the Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) as a sanitarian, inspecting restaurants, pools, and other public facilities. In the mid-1970's, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (DER) was organized as an offshoot of DOH.

Lamereaux spent the next six years as Sewage Coordinator for nine counties in the PA DER Northeast Region before moving on to manage DER's Waste Management Program for 10 years. He weathered the split of DER into the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) and the DEP at that time.

In 1989, Lamereaux was named Assistant Director of DEP's 11-county Northeast Regional Office with coordination over Air, Water, Waste Management, Underground Storage Tank, Pollution Prevention, Emergency Response, and Complaint Programs. Based in Wilkes-Barre, he now helps oversee 200-plus employees in the Region's five offices.

"One of my first new duties was to represent the Commonwealth as the alternate on the Upper Delaware Council," he notes.

Lamereaux regularly attends the Council's Water Use/Resource Management Committee meetings and pinch-hits for PA Representative Marian Hrubovcak when she isn't available for UDC meetings.

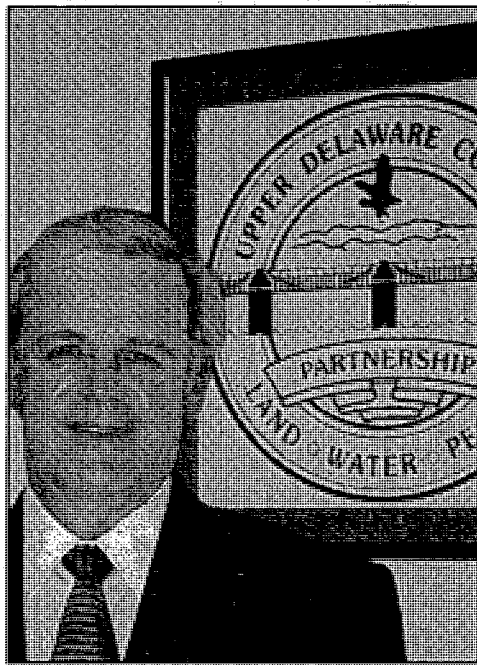
As far from a bureaucratic desk jockey as one can get, Lamereaux strongly believes that his duties extend beyond his office out into the field.

In addition to his UDC service, he is an active member of the Delaware River Sojourn Steering Committee, the Delaware & Hudson Transportation Heritage Council, Friends of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the PPL Relicensing Team, picks trash in each annual Kittatinny Canoes Delaware River Clean-up, and takes advantage of numerous river-related meetings, workshops, and educational conferences throughout the year.

"I just have an interest in keeping the pulse of the heartbeat of the 11 counties. I've grown to love the river so much, that's the fun part of it," Lamereaux says.

The PA native says he's disappointed that the four remaining eligible PA townships in Wayne County have not yet joined the Council.

"Having started out in planning, I can understand the importance of an organization like the UDC. I've been around long enough to know if you don't do your own planning, someone's going to do it for you.



David J. Lamereaux, PA DEP

We're not empowered to take over somebody's planning authority. We're here to help them do it the way they want to do it and to be a resource of information," Lamereaux says.

He has observed the DEP's philosophy evolve to a more holistic, watershed planning approach. The agency has also become more user-friendly, a concept that Lamereaux wholeheartedly supports.

"If there's one thing that I'm proud of in my 33 years, it's dealing with people. Anything I know, they're welcome to. Knowledge should be shared," he says.

After high school, Lamereaux joined the Army and was stationed for three years in Coraopolis, PA, working with radar and missiles. He took odd jobs before deciding at age 25 to go to college. Lamereaux holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from King's College, Wilkes-Barre, and a Master's in Public Environmental Health from the University of Pittsburgh.

The 61-year-old resides in Hanover Township, across the river from the small coal town of Plymouth Borough in Luzerne County where he grew up. His son, David, an ironworker, and daughter Kimberly, who works at home, both live in the Wilkes-Barre area. Lamereaux has three grandchildren (with one on the way) ranging in age from 6-16.

In his free time, Lamereaux "dabbles" in poetry and has had several works published. He has been a Mason for 25 years. Honors for Lamereaux include the EPA Hammer Award in 1988, an Environmental Partnership Award in 1992 and a Red Cross 64-Pint Blood Donor Award. ♦

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National Paddle Visits Upper Delaware For Pennsylvania-New York Exchange

A paddle en route to the Smithsonian Institute after dipping into watersheds of all 50 states came to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River August 25.

The Pass the Paddle event began in Washington, D.C. on April 1 as part of a national campaign by the River Management Society to highlight the importance of rivers in the year 2000.

In seven months' time, the paddle traveled some 25,000 miles by water, land, and air, and touched over 200 North American rivers on its cross-country journey. President Clinton was slated to welcome the paddle's return on October 7.

Marian Hrubovcak, chief of the Conservation Partnerships Division for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Commonwealth's representative to the Upper Delaware Council (UDC), coordinated the paddle's trek across Pennsylvania with Joseph Hoffman, Northeast Chairperson of the River Management Society and Director of Natural Resources for the Berks County Conservancy.

After receiving the national paddle from Ohio on Aug. 22, the PA coordinators arranged ceremonies in Pittsburgh (Ohio River Basin) and Harrisburg (Susquehanna River Basin) before selecting the Upper Delaware as their final venue.

An audience of 50 gathered at the Roebling Bridge overlook in Lackawaxen, Pa. to observe the paddle's exchange to New York State following remarks, a dip of the paddle into the river, and splashing



As part of the Pass the Paddle ceremony held August 25, 2000 on the overlook of Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct in Lackawaxen, the Pennsylvania paddle provided by Commonwealth coordinator Marian Hrubovcak was signed by, from left to right, Bill Douglass, executive director of the Upper Delaware Council; Carol Collier, executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission; and Douglas Sheppard, Rivers Program Manager for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

from several jars with other river samples.

Bill Douglass, executive director of the UDC, thanked Pennsylvania for "honoring us with this local ceremony."

As canoes and rafts glided by in the background, NPS Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent Cal Hite said, "For the local region, it's another reminder of just how important the natural resource value is of this river."

"Pass the Paddle recognizes that a river should not be considered a boundary," commented Carol Collier, executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission. "It's really a resource that should bring us all together."

Hoffman made a bid for stewardship, saying, "I hope you'll take time to get familiar with all the local creeks and streams that flow in your watershed and commit to their protection."

Douglas Sheppard, Rivers Program Manager, and Fred Gerty, NYS UDC representative, both from the Department of Environmental Conservation, accepted the paddle from Hrubovcak and Hoffman midway across the Roebling Bridge.

Signatures were also gathered on a commemorative PA "Rivers 2000" paddle as it passed from west to east.

A light lunch concluded the program. ♦

Committee Studies Route 97 Features

The Scenic Byway Committee continues to meet monthly to develop the Enhancement Concept for the Route 97 Scenic Byway. Working with community members and in the field, the consultant team has put together an inventory of the various historic, scenic, cultural, recreational, and natural features that make Route 97 special and attractive to tourists. These features are referred to as "intrinsic qualities."

The inventory also points out where some improvements could be made to enhance the user-friendliness, accessibility, and attractiveness of certain areas or services along the route.

At its July meeting, the committee reviewed a set of maps that visually depict the inventory information. Committee members and the affected towns provided their local insight and familiarity with the area to make corrections. Revised maps will be prepared by the end of October.

Copies of the inventory report were handed out at the committee's August meeting for review and comments. Three subcommittees - Roads, Tourism, and Resources - began discussing specific issues. Their recommendations will be compiled into a report that will be reviewed by the entire committee. These reports will form the basis of the plan that will be submitted to the state for designation of Route 97 as a State Scenic Byway.

The next meeting of the Scenic Byways Committee is tentatively set for October 30 at 7:15 p.m. Call (845) 794-3000, ext. 5028, for the location. All are welcome to attend. ♦
(Information contributed by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Community Development.)

UDC Awards Technical Assistance Grants

The Upper Delaware Council awarded \$20,400 in FY 2000 Technical Assistance Grants on September 7 for seven projects that will further the goals of and address needs identified in the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Technical Assistance Grants (TAGs) are annually made available for research, planning, and studies conducted by the UDC's eight member New York towns and three Pennsylvania townships, or their four encompassing river corridor counties.

The Wayne County, Pa. townships of Berlin, Buckingham, Damascus, and Manchester would be eligible to participate if they joined the Council.

TAGs can provide seed money for a municipality to embark on a feasibility study or design plan without having to dip into local tax dollars.

The FY 2000 recipients are:

Town of Deerpark - \$5,900 to update the Town Comprehensive Plan that was adopted in 1989 to reflect changing land use patterns, incorporate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) resources available through Orange County, and address new developments along the river corridor including the proposed Mongaup Visitor Center, the Route 97 Scenic Byway nomination currently underway, and private real estate projects.

Town of Fremont - \$4,000 to review and update the Town Zoning Law to streamline and format its regulations,

Since 1988, the UDC has granted \$451,241 to its member municipalities, enabling 112 projects.

incorporate recent amendments, and reflect the latest changes in State Law.

Westfall Township - \$3,600 to revise the Township Subdivision and Zoning Ordinances in order to alleviate any conflicts between the ordinances that have surfaced over the last 10 years.

Town of Lumberland - \$2,100 to obtain a detailed preliminary layout sketch from an engineer for the town's new salt storage facility that will be built at a new location, away from the Millbrook Stream and a cemetery, to reduce potential environmental hazard and aesthetic conflict.

Shohola Township - \$2,000 to digitize the Township Zoning Map for public distribution using Pike County's GIS tax maps to enable the better viewing of specific district boundaries at the individual property level.

Town of Highland - \$1,600 to review and update miscellaneous Town Codes and Local Ordinances to ensure compatibility with the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

Town of Tusten - \$1,200 to revise Town Zoning Maps and boundaries, partic-

ularly in the Downtown Business District, to comply with the Town Master Plan, and print the maps once re-drawn.

For more information on the Upper Delaware Council's TAG program, contact Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete at udcsoete@ezaccess.net or (845) 252-3022. ♦

Input Sought For Flow Needs Study

Work continues on the "Strategy for Resolving Interstate Flow Management Issues in the Delaware River Basin."

The study is being conducted under the leadership of the Delaware River Basin Commission's Flow Management Technical Advisory Committee.

Flows in the main stem, branches, and tributaries of the Delaware River are managed during various seasons and time periods for the benefit of natural systems and human needs.

Consultants are interested in learning about the high and low flow thresholds which diminish particular water use experiences, such as fishing and boating. The ability to substantiate these optimum flows with hard data is preferred although anecdotal information will be considered.

For more information, contact Alan M. Robinson at STV Inc., 205 West Welsh Dr., Douglassville, PA 19518; phone (610) 385-8360 or e-mail robinsam@stvinc.com. ♦

Rainstorm Damages Stone Arch Bridge

Pictured at left is the devastation to the 1896 Tusten Stone Arch Bridge caused after approximately eight inches of rain fell in a 10-hour period on August 12, 2000.

The torrential downpour hit the Towns of Cocheton and Tusten the hardest, flooding several roads, overwhelming culverts, creating mudslides, and shutting down a summer Saturday's boating business in the river valley.

States of Emergency were declared to free up federal assistance for repair costs estimated to be millions of dollars.

The Tusten Stone Arch Bridge, only added to the National Register of Historic Places in April, sustained damage when the Ten Mile River rose three feet over its top, and rushing debris crashed into the walls and flooded the approaches.

Local and Sullivan County officials are determined to rehabilitate the historic bridge to its former picturesque state. ♦



Photo by David B. Soete



Pennsylvania State Representative Jerry Birmelin, his daughter Janice Swingle, and granddaughters Katie, 12, and Courtney, 10, were the first group to sign up for the Upper Delaware Council's 12th Annual Raft Trip and Summer Picnic held August 5. (Photo by David B. Soete)

Record Turnout Enjoys UDC Raft Trip & Picnic

The Upper Delaware Council's 12th Annual Raft Trip and Summer Picnic attracted the largest public turnout ever with 219 rafters and 149 picnic guests on August 5, 2000.

Through this annual event, the UDC encourages local residents and visitors to discover the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River's recreational appeal and scenic beauty for themselves.

Two trip lengths of 10 miles and 5 miles were offered. A six-hour float from the Skinner's Falls Access to Ten Mile River Landing was the choice for 88 people. Participating in the three-hour float from Narrowsburg to Ten Mile River were 131 rafters.

In all, 42 children age 12 and under joined their families. Guests hailed from New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and ranged in age from four years old to senior citizens.

Easily the farthest-traveled were Mark and Sonia McDonald of Paris, France, who returned for their second year with Highland Town Councilman Joseph McDonald's group. The Curreris of Narrowsburg planned a reunion for some 40 relatives around the UDC event. Pennsylvania State Representative Jerry Birmelin (139th District) opted to take his daughter and granddaughters along for the ride.

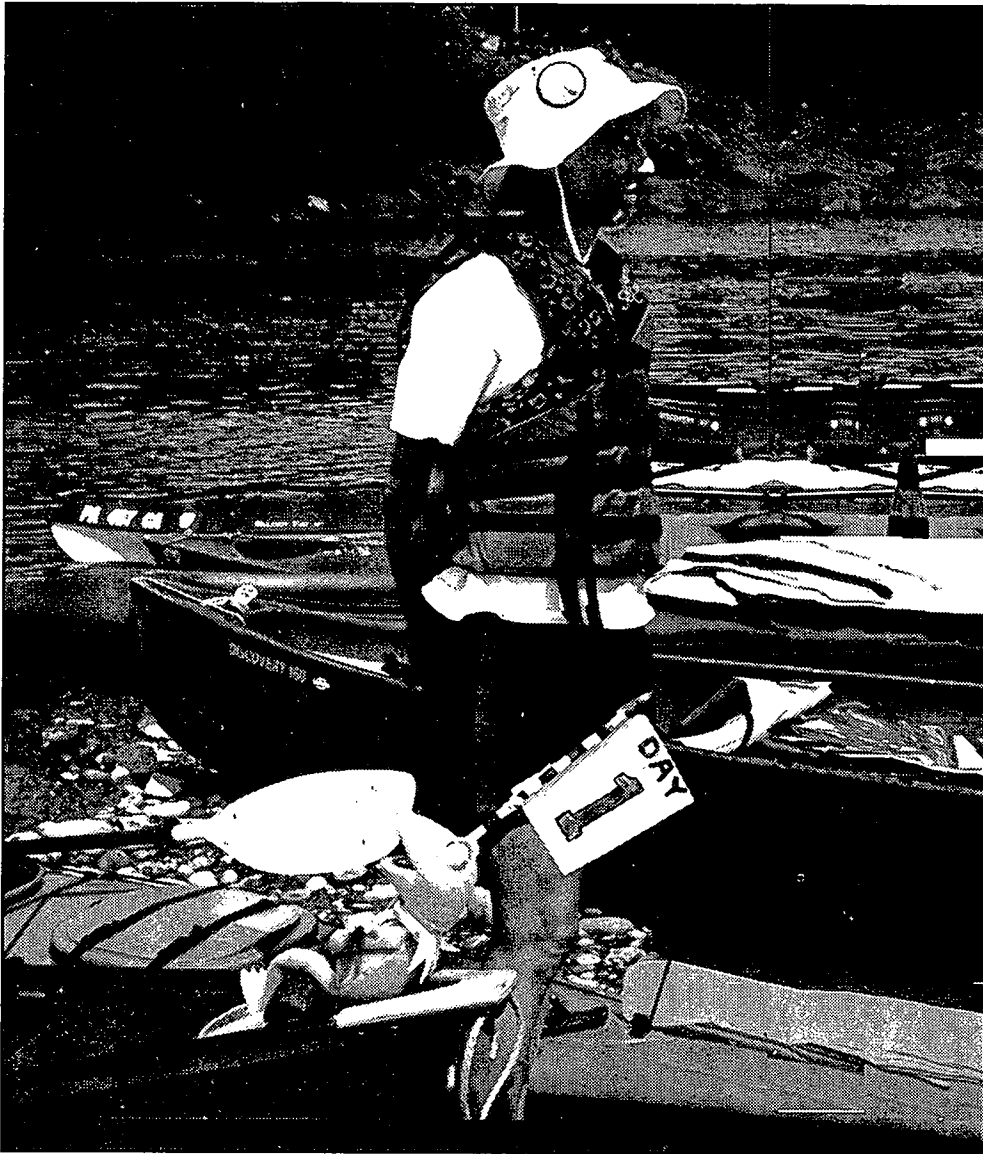
Sightings of two bald eagles, a blue heron, and other wildlife were reported under sunny blue skies and warm temperatures that were a relief from a week's worth of rainy weather.

Lander's River Trips was the host livery while Hector Urquiza of Raphael's by the River Restaurant south of Narrowsburg catered the chicken barbecue.

Each year, the UDC selects a different section of the 73.4-mile-long Upper Delaware River to raft. For information on the 2001 event, contact Laurie Ramie at udcramie@ezaccess.net or (845) 252-3022. ♦



William Kellett of Middletown and his sons, Thomas and Robert, enjoyed the post-rafting chicken barbecue under the pavilion at Lander's Narrowsburg Campground. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)



Diane Stout of Gloucester City, NJ and her canoe buddy, "Kermit the Frog", pay close attention to the safety talk delivered before the Day 1 launch of the 6th Annual Delaware River Sojourn on June 17, 2000 in Hancock, NY. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

Plans Underway for Delaware's Sojourn 2001: A River Odyssey

Mark your calendars! The 7th Annual Delaware River Sojourn will take place on June 16 to 23, 2001.

Carol R. Collier, executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, is chairing next year's event. A steering committee comprised of representatives from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware began meeting in July to organize the large undertaking.

Sojourn activities will begin with a "Day 0" kickoff program on Friday afternoon, June 15, in Milanville, Pa. featuring boating skills training, early registration, a pizza party, campfire, and ghost stories.

Participants may paddle for one or more of the eight days traversing the Upper, Middle, Lower, and Estuary sec-

tions of the Delaware River. Educational programs, camping, shuttles, and some meals are provided.

To get on the mailing list, contact the Delaware River Greenway Partnership at (908) 996-0230 or drgp@earthlink.net. Visit the web sites www.drbc.net and www.nps.gov/upde/sojourn for updates. ♦

Fall Foliage Reports

Planning a leaf peeping trip? Optimize your opportunity to see the best colors by calling ahead or going on-line for regional fall foliage reports.

In New York State, call 800-CALL-NYS (225-5697) or visit www.troveny.com.

In Pennsylvania, call 570-421-5565 or visit www.800pennos.com ♦

Dates Set for 2001 D & H Symposium

The second Delaware & Hudson Symposium will be held October 5-7, 2001 at the Salvation Army Ladore Lodge and Conference Center in Waymart, Pa.

The event is sponsored by three historical societies: Wayne County, Carbondale, and Waymart Area; Far View Tracks to Trails; and the D&H Transportation Heritage Council.

The symposium will feature speakers, exhibits, field trips to the Carbondale and Wayne County museums, and visits to the last D&H Gravity Depot located in Waymart and to the Waymart and Far View Steam Stations.

The cost for a room (twin beds and private bath), five meals, and two evening snacks will be \$120 per person. Other options are available for a special Saturday luncheon and evening banquet, or for rooms without the meal package.

Families are encouraged to attend. There will be supervised nature, art, and recreational activities for children.

For more information, contact Jane M. Varcoe at (570) 488-6750 or by e-mail at varcoejm@ns.neiu.k12.pa.us. ♦

Less Trash Found

The final tally for this year's "On and Under the Delaware River Cleanup" saw an encouraging drop in the amount of trash since Kittatinny Canoes started the event 11 years ago.

A total of 452 volunteers scouring a 70-mile section from Ten Mile River to the Delaware Water Gap on July 25-28 plucked 18.87 tons of garbage from the river, along with 660 lbs. of aluminum cans, and 359 tires. ♦

State Creates Forests In Delaware County

New York State has acquired 2,339 acres of land in Delaware County, creating two new State Forests, and will also provide a new fishing access site along the West Branch of the Delaware River near the Hale Eddy Bridge.

The \$1.7 million acquisition was funded by the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act. The lands will remain on the tax rolls.

The larger 1,294-acre parcel in the Towns of Sanford and Roxbury located above the Cannonsville Reservoir will be known as the Relay State Forest.

A second 1,045-acre parcel along the East Branch of the Delaware River in the Towns of Hancock and Colchester will be known as Tomannex State Forest. ♦



This trailblazer sign in Hancock, NY guides motorists through the village to the northern terminus of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. The signs have also been erected in the City of Port Jervis approaching the river corridor's southern end. The National Park Service is interested in posting Upper Delaware "regional attraction" sign listings on New York Route 17 and Interstate 84 as well. (Photo by Laurie Ramie)

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projects in the adjoining PA townships.

"Both sides of the river must work cooperatively if we are going to maximize the benefit the river can bring to the region," they said.

UDC Executive Director Bill Douglass agreed that the time has come to invest in the river valley's future viability.

"Instead of the river acting as a dividing line between New York and Pennsylvania, it's important to bring both states together to demonstrate their joint commitment to protecting the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River as a national treasure,

In Memoriam ...

Elizabeth McKenna Citizens Advisory Council

Elizabeth McKenna of Lackawaxen Township, Pa., died July 14, 2000 at home after a long illness. She was 81.

Elizabeth was the Pennsylvania Governor's appointee to the former Upper Delaware Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) and a 2nd alternate CAC representative to the Upper Delaware Council for several years.

Well-respected as an informed citizen activist, Elizabeth regularly attended township, county, school, political, and environmental meetings.

She was a founding member of the Lackawaxen Township Civic Association, served on the Pike County Road Task Force, the Visioning Process Committee, and the Pike County Council of Republican Women.

Elizabeth worked for more than 25 years as a physical therapist then as executive director of the Morris County Rehabilitation Center for the Handicapped.

She is survived by a daughter, Kathleen Hummel, Lackawaxen Township; a brother, George, of Nutley, NJ;

three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Christopher's Mission (Bluff, UT 84512), the American Heart Association, or the Pike County Cancer Society.

Leonard W. Hoffert NPS Upper Delaware Staff

Leonard W. "Lenny" Hoffert of Lebanon Township, Pa., died suddenly July 26, 2000 at the age of 53.

Lenny was employed since 1991 as Maintenance Mechanic Leader at National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

A retired 20-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, including two tours of duty in Vietnam as a gunnery sergeant, Lenny was a charter member of the Wayne-Pike Detachment of the Marine Corps League.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, also employed at NPS Upper Delaware; one daughter, Michele Snyder of Allentown; his mother, Barbara; sister, Pamela Capuano; brother, Jay W. Hoffert, all of Bethlehem, Pa.; nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wayne County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

and enhancing the river valley which surrounds it," he said.

The New York towns face a deadline of December 1, 2000 to submit proposals that comply with application guidelines prepared by the Council in cooperation with staff from the senator's, assemblyman's, and Empire State Development offices.

The UDC will review the applications and make recommendations for approval.

If distributed in equal shares, each town is eligible to receive \$6,250 with no local match required. Priority will be given to projects that directly benefit those portions of the towns that are physically locat-

ed in the 1978 Congressionally-designated boundaries of the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor.

Funds must be obligated by March 31, 2001 and projects must be completed by mid-August of next year.

"We appreciate the faith that our elected officials have placed in the UDC to help them recommend projects that are mutually beneficial to the towns and to the Upper Delaware valley," said UDC Chairperson Harold G. Roeder, Jr., who serves on the NYS Benefit Funds Subcommittee with fellow representatives Larry Richardson, Charles Wieland, and Lew Schmalzle. ♦

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This eagle-eye view of three banded eaglets nesting high atop a tree overlooking the Upper Delaware River Valley comes courtesy of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and National Park Service. 2000 was another record-breaking year for New York State Bald Eagles as 145 birds were counted along the main stem of the Upper Delaware River, compared to 77 in 1999. On Saturday, December 2, 2000, The Eagle Institute located on Scenic Drive in Lackawaxen, Pa. will hold an orientation session for its "Eagle Watch! 2001" program. Volunteers staff the eagle observation areas on weekends from January through March. If you're interested, contact The Eagle Institute at P.O. Box 182, Barryville, NY 12719, phone (845) 557-6162, e-mail eagleinstitute@yahoo.com or visit their web site: www.eagleinstitute.org.

Freshwater Mussels Surveyed in Upper Delaware River

The National Park Service (NPS) and United States Geological Survey (USGS) conducted underwater research this summer in a survey of freshwater mussels.

The jointly funded study team, consisting of USGS personnel from the Wellsboro, Pa. office with assistance from NPS Upper Delaware staff, primarily snorkeled the entire 73.4-mile stretch of the Upper

Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. In deeper pools, local NPS divers took the plunge in search of the mollusks.

Their goal was to determine the mussels' diversity, abundance, and distribution. Permanent monitoring transects were established to enable the assessment of mussel populations on an annual basis.

A report analyzing the data gleaned

from the project will be issued.

Freshwater mussels are an important part of a river's ecosystem. They filter water, serve as overall indicators of water quality by their presence, and also provide a food source for other animals.

For additional information, contact NPS Resource Management Specialist Don Hamilton at 570-729-7842. ♦

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:20 p.m. at the Tusten Town Hall, Narrowsburg, NY. Three standing committees, Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review, meet on the third and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the UDC office, 211 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, across from the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public. Call (845) 253-3022 for specific meeting dates and agendas.

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