

Disaster's Edge Marks 1889 Johnstown Flood

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— The 1995 Cambria County Envirothon held recently was the inaugural event for the new "Disaster's Edge" Education/Resource Center in the 1889 Park, St. Michael.

"Disaster's Edge" is located on the banks of what was once known as Lake Conemaugh, the dam which broke on May 31 causing the "1889 Johnstown Flood." More than 2,200 lives were lost in that disaster.

The facility has been a dream of Cambria County Conservation District environmental education coordinator, Joe Emerick. Emerick has been employed with the conservation district for approximately 19 years. Emerick stresses that each child in the county will have the benefit of what can be offered at the education center.

The building will be utilized for a variety of environmental programs in conjunction with local school districts. It contains an open classroom, storage room, office space, small kitchen, and restrooms. Evening and weekend program can also be set up for local civic groups and other organizations upon request.

The realization of this building came about through the cooperative effort of many different Cambria County organizations and individuals. The site was donated by the Adams and Croyle Township Recreation Authority and then cleared by workers under the Summer Youth Employment Training program.

Funding for the building itself was primarily provided by Air

Products and Chemicals of Ebensburg, a cogeneration plant. The actual construction was done by prisoners from the Cambria County Prison. The Long Barn of St. Michael furnished materials at the lowest possible cost and also provided use of equipment when necessary. The Cambria County commissioners have provided tables, chairs, and a bookcase along with agreeing to fund the utilities, insurance, and upkeep.

Emerick has been overwhelmed by the response which he has received in a appeal to local school districts and individuals. At last count more than \$12,000 has been donated for the purchase of equipment and funding of programs.

During the "Envirothon," five different "stations" — Soils, Forestry, Wildlife, Aquatics, and Current Issues — were set up inside and outside the educational center. These stations were manned by personnel from Cambria County Environmental agencies. These agencies included Natural Resource Conservation Service, Pennsylvania Bureau of Forestry, Pennsylvania Game Commission, DER Bureau of Land and Water Conservation, and the Penn State Extension Service.

The students were tested on a variety of subjects in each category but the major emphasis this year was on ground water, its impact on rural life, and how easily it can be destroyed.

Eight teams from Cambria County competed in the event. These teams included: Bishop Carroll, Blacklick Valley, Cambria Heights, Central Cambria, Conemaugh Valley, Forest Hills, Glendale, and Northern Cambria

High Schools.

Each team was comprised of five to six students and the top honor this year went to the students from Northern Cambria High School. As first place winners, they will represent the county in a regional "Envirothon" in June. The contest then continues to the state and national levels.

A real highlight of the day came at the conclusion of the "Envirothon."

The Pennsylvania Game Commission brought in a female black bear and cub which had

been caught in a trap in the Baker-ton-Carrolltown area. The students were able to view firsthand the game commission's bear management program.

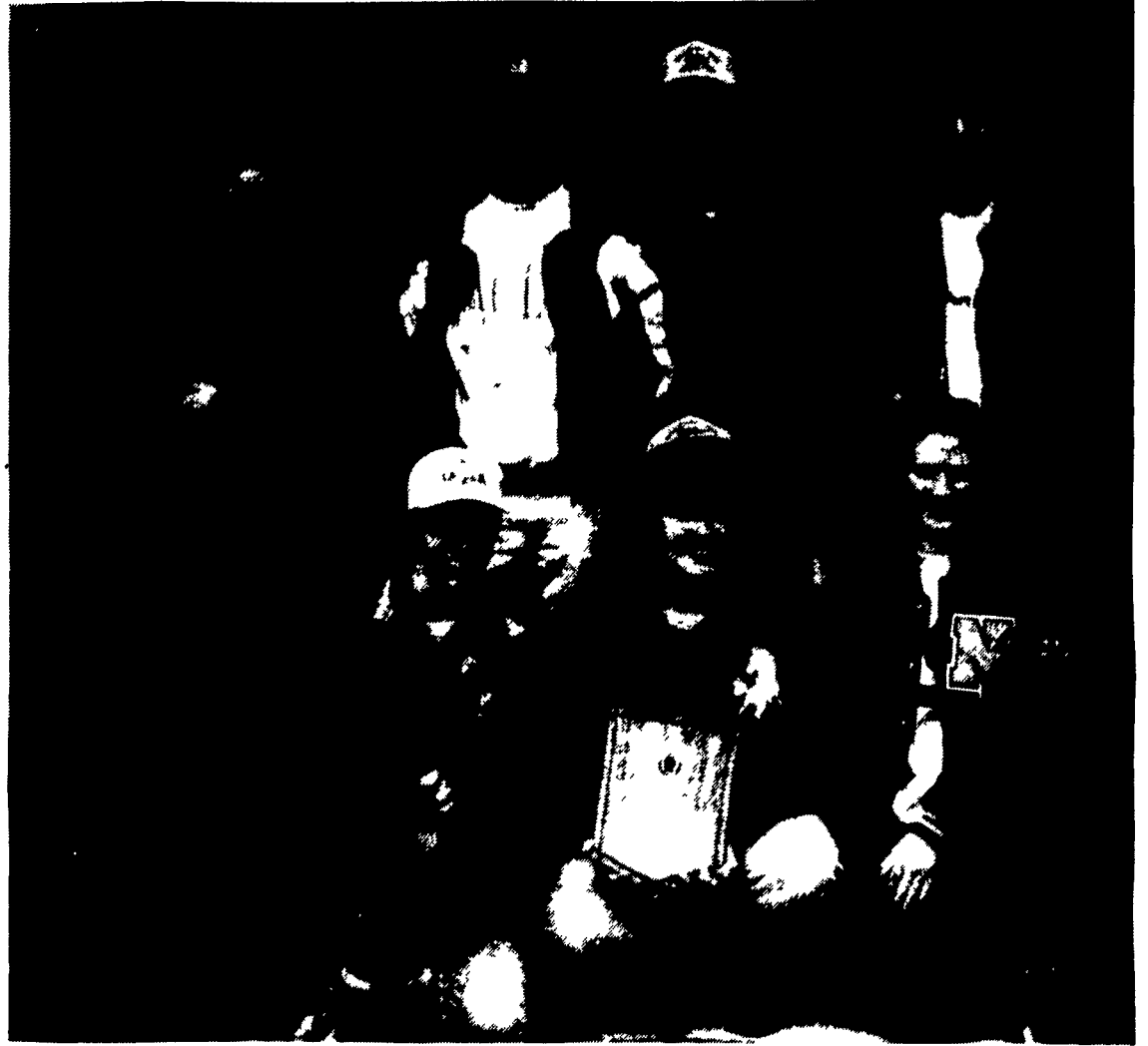
The bear was tranquilized, the ear was tagged, she was tattooed inside the lip, and a tooth was extracted. The tooth will be cross-sectioned and this will help determine the bear's age. The participants were very excited to be able to photograph and "pet" the bear.

The "Envirothon" concept originated in the early 1980s by a conservation manager from Ful-

ton County with the idea to make young people more aware of the environment. Cambria County's new "Disaster's Edge" facility is definitely a step in the right direction.

Commenting on the day's activities, Emerick noted that any student who participates in an event such as this will surely remember it for a long time to come.

He challenged the students with the words: "May the choices you make help our world be a better place for all life and the environment!"



Members of the first place Cambria County Envirothon team are, first row from left, Theresa Grybosky, Kim Kirsch, and Karen Keefe. Second row, from left, Dawn Myers, Jim Roman, advisor Ron Yugas, and Tony DeSalvo.

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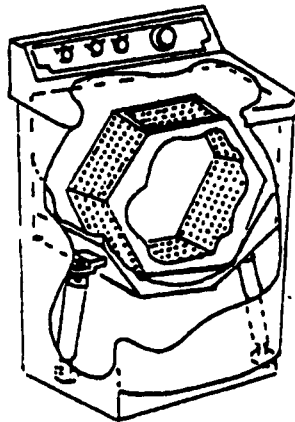
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