

# THE RIVER RUNS

News from the Cowpasture River Preservation Association



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*This photo was taken by Nelson Hoy. It shows the Cowpasture River as it passes through Berriedale Farms. For more photo details, please see page 3.*

*Please send us your best photos of the Cowpasture River and the wildlife that accompanies it.*

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## From the President

The last three mornings have been surprisingly brisk, an early reminder of what is to come. Despite the chilly end to August, this has been a terrific summer. The relentless rainfall we experienced last year has moderated, and we've even had a few dry stretches. That has meant some manual watering to keep our newly planted trees alive and a more normal, seasonal flow in the Cowpasture. Our oldest daughter had a chance to get in the river at Camp Mont Shenandoah recently, and she reported that the water was just what she remembered. If only the August air temp had been a bit warmer...



Our well-attended CRPA picnic was certainly a highlight of the summer. A trio of chefs led by Steve Van Lear with help from Mike Whiteside and Bill Wellborn did a fabulous job on what turned out to be the hottest day of the summer. We are so appreciative of the Burnetts for their generous hosting and the Griffiths for their finely honed organizational skills. The day was a memorable event for us all.



Bill Wellborn, Steve Van Lear and Mike Whiteside.

So, what does the fall bring? We anticipate several important legal decisions affecting the viability of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline where our fate is increasingly in the hands of the attorneys. Closer to home, CRPA has one more field trip scheduled on October 5<sup>th</sup>, some education programs at the local schools and our regular water monitoring. Personally, I'm looking forward to autumn weather, a visit from our younger daughter, and more time on the river.

Best to all of our members,  
Dick Brooks





## Executive Assistant's Corner

Even though July 20th turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year, that did not prevent us from having a great time at our annual summer picnic. We ended up with a total of 86 people — our biggest crowd to date! And 20 of those people also participated in the river float, led this year by Graham Hobbs, with his wife, Donna, pulling up the rear for any of the stragglers. David and Kit Burnett were our



David and Kit Burnett, our hosts

wonderful hosts. They worked tirelessly for several days to provide a great event for all of us, and we are forever thankful. I can't even begin to imagine how many people they transported back and forth in their mule throughout the day. Our faithful grillmeisters were Steve Van Lear,



Mike Whiteside and Bill Wellborn (check out their photo on page 2).

They stood over those hot grills all day long. I don't know how they did it, but they pulled off some of the best ribs and chicken you've ever eaten. We can't thank them enough. They truly went above and beyond.

We hope you'll come by to visit our table at the Bath County Fair on Saturday, September 21st. Also, please consider participating in our next river clean-up event which is coming up on Saturday afternoon, October 26th. In addition to contributing to a good environmental cause, it's also a great way to visit with other members who you might not know. I've had some of my best conversations with others while picking up trash along the river. Go figure! We hope to see you there.

### **Background Information on the Cover Photo:**

The cover photo, taken by Nelson Hoy, shows the Cowpasture River as it passes through Berriedale Farms. It was taken at 3:43 pm on September 30, 2014. In the months of June, July, August and September 2014, the valley received a total of 3 inches of rain. Coursey Springs recorded a water flow of 4,500 gallons per minute (GPM) on September 30, 2014, which represents drought conditions. During heavy rain years or events, Coursey Springs flows at 16,000 GPM.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**September 21, 2019 (Saturday, 10:00 am—4:00 pm)** - CRPA will have a table at the **Bath County Fair** at Millboro Elementary School, 411 Church St., Millboro, VA. Come see us!

**October 5, 2019 (Saturday, 8:30 am onward)** - **Griffith Knob Ascent** (see page 6 for details)

**October 26, 2019 (Saturday, 1:00—4:00 pm)** - **Walton Tract Autumn River Clean-Up** (see page 11 for details). Please sign up at [directorcrpa@gmail.com](mailto:directorcrpa@gmail.com) or call 540-629-7795.



## Summer Picnic Highlights



Photo by Kathy Farmer

David & Kit Burnett's home provided the setting for the picnic.



Photo by Lynne Griffith

John Fowler, Jim Bayliss, Gilbert Raney, Allan Griffith, Bucky Wells.



Photo by Lynne Griffith

Dinner is served. The ribs and chicken were fantastic!



Photo by Kathy Farmer

Dining under the big tent!



Photo by Dick Brooks

The river paddlers led by Graham Hobbs.



Photo by Kathy Farmer

Puggy Farmer, Stewart Hobbs, John Fowler and Kay Morgan.

**Many thanks to David and Kit Burnett for allowing us to use the grounds of their beautiful home for our summer picnic. They were gracious hosts, and we are thankful for their hospitality.**



## Meet Our Newest Board Members



Photo by Kathy Farmer

**Catherine Manner**—Our family has owned our piece of riverfront on the Cowpasture since my great grandmother purchased our camp in 1928. I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and spent most summer weekends at my grandparents' camp. Whenever asked where my favorite place to go is, my answer has always been easy, our place on the Cowpasture. I grew up enjoying kayaking, fishing, hiking, swimming and taking float trips on the Cowpasture. From a young age, I developed a passion for keeping the Cowpasture clean and healthy and eventually received a degree in Environmental Science with a concentration in Hydrology from the University of Delaware. After graduation, I wanted to pursue a career that would somehow involve rivers and landed a job with Water & Land Solutions, a small company in Raleigh, North Carolina, that specializes in stream mitigation and restoration. I continued my environmental studies, and in May of 2019, I graduated from North Carolina State University with a Master's degree in Natural

Resources. I first become involved with the CRPA through my grandmother, Jean Ann Manner, who has been a past board member. Recently, I became a Certified Stream Monitor through CRPA and re-started the stream monitoring station by our camp to monitor the macroinvertebrates. Growing up on the Cowpasture has influenced my life, my choice in higher education, career, and how I enjoy spending my free time. I am excited to be on the CRPA board so I can continue to help protect and preserve the Cowpasture River.



Photo by Lynne Griffith

**Linda Cauley** - I fell in love twice – once with my husband, Matt, and again with his family's gorgeous farm on the Cowpasture River. Matt first brought me to the farm in 1977, and despite spending all of our free weekends and vacations working 12 hours a day building fences and trying to reclaim what had become a wilderness through decades of benign neglect, I was in heaven. Having been raised in an almost-city (Virginia Beach) and living on a tidal river, I wanted mountains, pristine water and not too many people. The farm, Weltevreden, fulfilled all my "wants." We had many wonderful adventures as our life's journey took us all over the world and away from the river until the early 1990's when we returned to call it our "permanent" home. I put permanent in quotes because we did end up splitting our time between Augusta County where we also had a small vegetable farm and the Cowpasture for about 20 years. But there was never any question that this place would be our forever home as it had been for many of Matt's ancestors. So upon both our retirements, we finally got to call it our full-time, permanent home. I feel it is a privilege to be here and enjoy the many advantages of the rural life, especially our beautiful river, the Cowpasture.

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**Norwood Morrison** — For as long as I can remember, my summers have been spent on the clear waters of the Cowpasture River. It's where I learned to swim, fish, paddle, skip rocks and catch hellgrammites at a young age. Early on, I appreciated how fortunate we all were to have this slice of heaven on earth. My grandfather was one of the original members of Lynchburg Camp, my father after him, and I served for 14 years as its president.

My wife, Susan, and I met while at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg (where she later was Principal), and we married the day after my graduation from Washington & Lee University in 1970. We look forward to our 50th anniversary celebration next year! Susan and I have

spent many wonderful days and nights on the Cowpasture over those years, as have the families of our three children - all living in Lynchburg.

I retired from Framatome in 2015 after 25 years in Human Resources. Currently, in addition to being a Commissioner on the Lynchburg Redevelopment and Housing Authority, I volunteer with the Friends of the Blue Ridge Parkway on projects and cleaning overlooks, and with the James River Association monitoring water samples and planting trees. I'm a daily 4-mile walker and hike regularly on the Appalachian Trail. I hope to have the opportunity to do water monitoring with the CRPA.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board. There is no place like the Cowpasture River.

## Our Next Field Trip is Coming Up!



Photo by Dave Peters

**Saturday, October 5, 2019 — Griffith Knob Ascent.**  
**Beginning at 8:30 am, led by Dave Peters**

Griffith Knob, when viewed from Clifton Forge or Low Moor looking north, appears like a single peak standing alone, but it obscures the rest of the Rough Mountain Wilderness chain for which it is the terminus. Driving north on Route 42, it might appear to be in Alleghany County, but as county lines go, it is in Bath County. Since it can be viewed from far flung places, rest assured the views of the lowlands from the summit are awesome, including several views of the Cowpasture River. The hike starts at river level of about 1,200 feet and climbs to nearly 2,800 feet at the summit. Plan on hiking 4 to 6 hours depending on how long the group stays at the summit taking in the view or looking for fossils. This hike is not for the faint-hearted and

will be weather dependent. It will start around 8:30 am. Good hiking shoes, trail food and ample water will be needed. Further details provided upon your RSVP to [directorcrpa@gmail.com](mailto:directorcrpa@gmail.com).

## Rabies Is Not A Thing of the Past

Years ago, my mom told my siblings and me to stay away from any animal that was acting strangely. You know, walking funny or getting too close to humans. That sort of thing.

That lesson did not keep us from bringing home a sick squirrel found in the ravine behind our Michigan home. After all, we had a virtual animal clinic at our house: birds with broken wings, malnourished and stray house pets, even hurt snakes—they all found some level of care at the Brooks home. But this particular squirrel bit my mom, and in the ensuing confusion, it escaped. Pat Brooks was in for a series of twelve rabies shots, courtesy of her sons.

Rabies in the United States is comparatively rare; however, it does still exist. In 2017, 49 states and Puerto Rico reported 4,454 cases in animals and two in humans. It is most often transmitted via a bite from a diseased animal, but it can be gotten through an abrasion or significant cut.

The path of the virus usually looks like this:

- An animal is bitten by another rabid animal.
- Rabies virus from the infected saliva enters the wound.
- Rabies virus travels through the nerves to the spinal cord and brain. This process can last approximately 3 to 12 weeks. The animal has no signs of illness during this time.
- When it reaches the brain, the virus multiplies rapidly and passes to the salivary glands. The animal begins to show signs of the disease.
- The infected animal usually dies within 7 days of becoming sick.

Most of the time, once the virus reaches the brain, the animal begins to show symptoms. These can include aggressive, hostile behavior and over-production of saliva. Or, the animal will appear timid or shy and no longer afraid of people. Importantly, any behavior that is not normal should be noted, and every person (and animals) should keep as much distance as possible.

If you see an animal acting out of the norm in our area of the Alleghany Highlands, it should be reported right away to:

Laura P. Kornegay, MD, MPH  
District Director  
Central Shenandoah HD  
1414 North Augusta Street  
P.O. Box 2126 Staunton, VA 24402-2126  
[laura.kornegay@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:laura.kornegay@vdh.virginia.gov)  
540-332-7830 Office  
540-885-0149 Fax

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This won't keep rabies out of our watershed, but it might mean avoiding the painful series of shots that follow a bite from a potentially rabid animal. Sorry, mom.

**For additional information:**

Mayo Clinic - <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/rabies/symptoms-causes/syc-20351821>

Centers for Disease Control - <https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/index.html>

Virginia Department of Health - <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/epidemiology/epidemiology-factsheets/rabies/>

**Thanks for Sending in Your Photos!**



Many thanks to Harold Smestad for sending in this photo of two deer crossing the Cowpasture River at Fort Dickerson Farm. (August 2019)



Photo by Sheppard Atkinson

Thanks to Frances Phillips for sending in this photo of family and friends enjoying the Cowpasture — Parke Atkinson, Sarah Borgese, Blake Borgese, and dogs Nell, Luna and Banks. (August 2019)

### Clifton Forge Farmers Market

Thanks to Dave Peters for signing us up for a table at the Clifton Forge Farmers Market on Thursday, August 8, 2019. It was a pleasure to get to know some of the community members and acquaint them with CRPA.

Photo by Michael Hayslett

Lynne Griffith, Kim Manion and Puggy Farmer (not pictured) visited with community members throughout the afternoon.

Photo by Dave Peters



# Atlantic Coast Pipeline Update

by Dick Brooks, CRPA Board President

The voluntary construction stoppage on the Atlantic Coast Pipeline continues. No work other than what is deemed stabilization has taken place for months. Stabilization efforts have included stringing and putting pipe in the ground, but to date that has mostly been limited to West Virginia counties close to the pipeline's starting point. The Compliance Surveillance Initiative (CSI) sponsored by the Allegheny/Blue Ridge Alliance (ABRA) has filmed some landslide activity in West Virginia due to construction as well as some new and novel approaches to stabilization. Steep slopes there are an identified problem, and they are less steep than some of those on the proposed route near us in Virginia.

Legal challenges are an ongoing issue. Late in July, the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court upheld its previous decision on the US Fish and Wildlife Service's flawed biological opinion. It vacated their permit for the second time. On October 16, the FERC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity will be challenged in the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in Washington, D.C. This is a complicated case with many participants, but our contention is that FERC failed to look beyond the affiliate agreements held by Dominion and Duke to evaluate the real need for the project. Also in October, the Supreme Court will decide whether or not to hear the USDA Forest Service case. This case has already been heard twice by the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit. Each time, the Court ruled that the Forest Service lacks the authority to permit



tunneling under the Scenic Appalachian Trail. For a more complete view of all of the outstanding cases involving the ACP see [https://www.abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Status-of-Court-Challenges-to-the-Atlantic-Coast-Pipeline\\_20190803.pdf](https://www.abralliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Status-of-Court-Challenges-to-the-Atlantic-Coast-Pipeline_20190803.pdf)

Dominion shared some of their broad strategies on their Q2 Earnings Call. These include:

- Legal. They plan to win some of the cases that they have previously lost. These include refiling the Fish and Wildlife case where they intend to present “enormous amounts of (new) information.”
- Legislative. Dominion has hired top lobbying firms to press members of Congress to add a rider to some must-pass bill(s) that would grant the USDA Forest Service specific authority over the Scenic Appalachian Trail.
- Administrative. Under this strategy, Dominion would offer to trade land (expected to be private land that they would purchase) to the Federal government in exchange for a needed permit. This was successfully done in Virginia to weaken open-space easements for pipeline construction.

Getting the ACP back on track is expected to be an uphill climb for Dominion – even before they get to the steep, karst-rich area around here.

## US Forest Service Seeks to Restrict Public Comment *Cites Resource Constraints As Basis for Curbing Citizen Input*

By Dick Brooks, CRPA Board President

Since the release of the last issue of *The River Runs*, the USDA Forest Service has proposed a disturbing set of revisions to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA.) These recommended changes are intended to “... create a new set of categorical exclusions, amend some existing ones and add other tools to increase efficiency and improve forest conditions while protecting people, property and resources.”

These comments represent the first changes that the agency has offered since 2008. According to the USFS, “Since then, challenges like extended droughts, insect infestations and diseases have made the effort to protect people, communities and resources from threats like catastrophic wildfires even more difficult. Together, these challenges have strained available staff and resources across all our mission areas.”

Sounds like changes that we need, right? If so, why do conservation groups (including CRPA), concerned citizens and organizations from across the country advise against these proposed changes? Don't we want the Forest Service to be more nimble and better able to carry out their charter?

Wait, what? Well, as is almost always the case, the devil is in the details. And in this case the devil is very close and very real.

The proposed changes include greatly expanded “categorical exceptions or CEs.” These exceptions as proposed will no longer be subject to public comment or the rigors of an environmental assessment. Instead, “The CEs covered in the proposed rule fall into three general categories: (1) those covering restoration activities, (2) those covering infrastructure activities, and (3) those covering special uses.” Who at the Forest Service will determine whether an activity qualifies for an exception? According to their handbook, that decision is left to the local office.

What might this mean for the Cowpasture River? Our watershed is largely on Forest Service lands. From its start at the Virginia/West Virginia line and all the way to the confluence with the Jackson River, the George Washington National Forest surrounds our watershed. It provides tributaries and forests alike that help keep our water quality in the excellent category. But, according to an analysis conducted by the Southern Environmental Law Center, “The proposed rule, which would affect decisions made on projects in our forests such as road construction and pipelines, also includes a new loophole for commercial logging that would allow up to 4,200 acres—6.6 square miles—of clear-cutting without prior notice or public involvement.” And, these decisions are not only for *where* logging can be done but also *when*, effectively suspending time-of-year restrictions.

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Public involvement in our national forests has been instrumental in making this resource the treasure that it is today. After all, those forests belong to us. So, please, stay informed and get involved.

For more information:

The NEPA Process Diagram - <https://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nepa/revisions/includes/docs/NEPAProcessFlowchart-508.pdf>

Federal Register of proposed rule change - <https://www.fs.fed.us/emc/nepa/revisions/includes/docs/36CFR220ProposedRuleFRN.pdf>

Map of the George Washington and Thomas Jefferson National Forests - <https://www.google.com/maps/search/george+washington+national+forest/@37.6561034,-80.4030698,9z>

### Simpson Creek Update

At the recent Jackson River Preservation Association Annual Picnic, our local District Ranger, Elizabeth McNichols, described the restoration efforts begun on the Simpson Creek headwaters. We've written about this in the past. In sum, this important tributary to the lower Cowpasture has been receiving significant runoff from I-64 near the Rockbridge County line. This has produced silting that has been working its way downstream, ruining trout reproductive habitat. The Forest Service has scoped the damage and begun restoration actions as part of the Lower Cowpasture project.

### Come Join Us for the Walton Tract Clean-Up Saturday, October 26, 2019 (1:00—4:00 pm)



Photo by Lynne Griffith

It's that time of year again when we join forces to collect litter along the Cowpasture River at our adopted site in the national forest. We will meet at the Walton Tract lower public access point ("rope swing"). To sign up, send an email to [directorcrpa@gmail.com](mailto:directorcrpa@gmail.com) or call 540- 620-7795. Further details will be provided upon your RSVP.

Joe Wood, Dick Brooks, Puggy Farmer, Bucky Wells, Jim Bayliss and Nan Mahone Wellborn at the October 2018 Walton Tract Clean-Up.

## Special Memories

Rambunctious brothers John and Jim DeVenny recounted their memories of the Cowpasture River and Route 42 from the mid-1940's:

*For several summers, our family, along with the Harry Anderson family, rented the Higgins cabin (below "Nicely's Bathing Beach," which is below Sharon) . The outstanding features were a sulfur water well, a hand pump in the kitchen and a "3 Hole Johnny" just a few steps away. Other campers there in the area shared the building of a rock dam each year to raise the level of the river in the eddy. It was shallow on the lower end, and there was a deep hole upstream where the cabin stood. Dad bought a small outboard motor after World War II and attached it to a home rosin bonded plywood boat. Instructions came with the motor describing the break-in procedures, which involved burning through several gallons of mixed gas before going into the wide open water. Our normal routine was to spend the better part of the day going up and down the river while Dad was out working in the C&O shops. There was a float anchored in the lower end of the eddy that was a marker to reverse course and head upstream. Needless to say, we received some complaints. The sound of a small outboard at low speed shattered the peace and quiet of one's morning coffee. To smooth things over a bit, we offered rides to the campers. After we finished breaking in the motor, we were able to "open it up." What a wake we created! Dad and several of his C&O buddies were avid fishermen, and the kicker was probably the only outboard on the river at that time.*

*Later on we were able to rent a camp at what is now 787 Old Cowpasture Highway (Route 42). Once in mid-August, we had had enough swimming, fishing and boating on the river and decided, along with two of our friends, to look for a new adventure. Often, after a movie at the Masonic Theatre in Clifton Forge, we would ride the Trailway bus on its run to Staunton up 42 and be dropped off just above the camp. Since it was a regularly scheduled run, we developed a plan that turned out to be the highlight of our summer. Using a pair of coveralls, which we stuffed with "The Daily Review" to add shape, we began our adventure. When Route 42 was removed from the ridges above its present location, there was a deep cut in the ridge, creating a cliff adjacent to the camp. We would toss the dummy off the cliff whenever a car was passing below. We tied a line around the shoulders so that we could pull the dummy back up again, ready for the next car. We must have tossed the dummy off the cliff at least a dozen times, so what to do next! That's when the Trailway bus came to mind. Climbing down the cliff, we placed the dummy just off to the side of the southbound lane. There was a pokeberry bush nearby. Those berries, when mixed in river water, can produce a bloody cast. When*



LCDR John DeVenny, Jr.



Jim DeVenny (2009)

*sprinkled around the dummy, we had created the ultimate accident scene. Our lookout reported, "Here comes the bus." We returned to our hiding place, just in time to hear the screeching of brakes. The driver came running over to help the injured. His concern suddenly shifted to anger and frustration and language that should not be heard in mixed company. He picked up our dummy and with a mighty heave, tossed our "new adventure" into the river. We hid in various places, thinking our world would come to an end. Restrictions befell the four of us as we promised to never again throw a dummy in front of the Trailway bus.*



# Thank You To Our Loyal Watershed Members

The following list includes dues and gifts received since November 1, 2018 during our 2018-2019 Annual Campaign season. Thanks for your continued support, and welcome to our new members who are highlighted in bold. **Total donations for the current campaign = \$40,381.00.** (Note: Some donors have asked that their names not be published.)

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by the family of Kitty and Bolling Hobbs

The CRPA's current annual campaign runs from Nov. 1, 2018—Oct. 31, 2019. This campaign is nearly through its cycle. Dues and gifts received during this campaign are essential to the CRPA being able to carry on its mission of stewarding the Cowpasture River. Your support makes the difference! Please consider sending us your support if you have not already done so. Thank you.

**If we overlooked anyone or made an error, please let us know. We would like to correct any errors in the next newsletter. Please contact Lynne at [directorcrpa@gmail.com](mailto:directorcrpa@gmail.com).**

## Goodbye to Our Departing Board Members

We want to recognize and thank our three former directors who recently departed our board. Each has contributed so much to the watershed and to our members, and they continue to do so.

**Nelson Hoy** — Nelson served on the board for six years, and he was President for one of those years. He led the technical start-up fight against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline for two years, including the formation of the Allegheny—Blue Ridge Alliance (ABRA). He edited the "Water Resource Stewardship" series for five years with 20 essays. Nelson also researched and wrote ten sections of the "CRPA President's Handbook."

**Caryl Cowden** — Caryl served on the board for six years and volunteered on the Finance Committee and Membership Committee helping to plan the Annual Meeting which takes place every May. She also planned and hosted the Fall Patron's Party at Fort Lewis Lodge, which has taken place in November for the past several years. We are thrilled that Caryl has agreed to head up our Membership Committee this year.

**Stewart Hobbs** — Stewart was appointed by Lynchburg Camp to be their representative on the board, and he served for nine years. He served as Treasurer for almost three of those years. We appreciate his service.



Nelson Hoy and Cassie, the mule



Caryl Cowden



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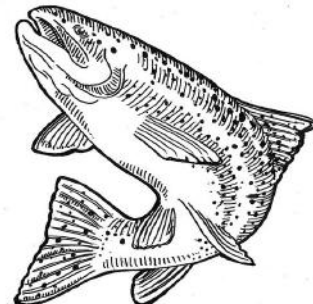
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