

# THE RIVER RUNS

News from the Cowpasture River Preservation Association



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*Fall photo of the Cowpasture River taken by Peggy Van Yahres from her home in October 2021 .*

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

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## From the President

Summer is winding down and typically seems not to have lasted long enough. It has been quite a nice summer for me and also for the CRPA. On the hottest of days, the clear and cool river provided welcome relief and on many long summer evenings, a great spot for fun gatherings. I sure hope many of you were also able to enjoy much of what the Cowpasture River has to offer in the summertime.



I dare to say that the pandemic is also winding down and because of a relaxing of restrictions and attitudes, the CRPA was once again able to host some group activities. We got together for a couple of very pleasant floats down scenic stretches of the river and we were also able to hold the standard "potluck" summer picnic - geez, there was a ton of tasty food!

The CRPA board recently held the first in-person meeting since I became president. Although not as convenient as a Zoom meeting, all of us being in the same room seemed to generate much more productive discussions. The board brainstormed about several potential initiatives regarding both education and monitoring. I will report the progress made in those areas as it occurs.

The Annual Campaign is also coming to a close and, once again, it has been successful. The CRPA has the very best and most generous members! I cannot thank you all enough. It is such a comfort to know that the CRPA is so generously supported in its mission to preserve the natural condition and beauty of the Cowpasture River and its tributaries for present and future generations.

As I bring this letter to a close, I want you all to know that I am not yet ready to put either my kayak or my river shoes in storage. I plan to continue engaging in summertime river activities well into the fall! As long as the combination of air and water temperatures is at least 100 degrees, I'll be good to go!

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Dudley



## Executive Assistant's Corner

As Elizabeth mentioned in her letter, we had a great time at the CRPA summer picnic on August 27th. There were 70 of us who gathered together to celebrate the end of summer at beautiful Camp Mont Shenandoah. Some folks came early and swam in the river beforehand. The weather was beautiful, and the company was exceptional! You can see some of the highlights on page 4.



On September 1st, we once again launched our online auction benefitting the Bill Hardbarger Educational Scholarship Fund. We had 31 items donated to the auction, and the response has been fantastic. As we go to press, the auction is almost at its completion. I will give you an update on the outcome in our Winter newsletter.

I encourage you to come out to our bi-annual Walton Tract clean-up on October 22nd. We hold this event twice a year, and believe it or not, it's a lot of fun. In addition to picking up trash, we end up having relaxed conversations with one another while taking in the view of the Cowpasture. I've come to enjoy these afternoons as a nice way to better get to know others while still contributing to a worthy cause.

Our current annual campaign ends on October 31st, and we want to thank all of our donors for their generous support to this organization. We've had a great year, and we could not do any of this without you. You can expect to receive a letter from Elizabeth sometime during the first two weeks of November to announce our new 2022-2023 campaign which begins on November 1st.

And be sure to keep an eye out for our 2023 calendars. They should be showing up in our online store sometime in early November. They make great stocking stuffers!

I wish you all a wonderful fall season, and please keep sending me your photos and stories of the Cowpasture River so that I can share them with others. — Lynne Griffith



### BATH COUNTY ART SHOW

Congratulations to CRPA Board Member, Nan Mahone Wellborn, for winning the award at the recent Bath County Art Show for "Best Cowpasture River or Bullpasture River in any Medium." (Nan's painting is pictured here on the left.) CRPA sponsored the award, and since Nan is a board member, she kindly returned the award money back to CRPA. The art show was a huge success — their best show in terms of participation and fundraising to date!

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE SUMMER PICNIC

Many thanks to Ann Warner for hosting our summer picnic down by the beautiful swimming hole at Camp Mont Shenandoah. In addition to providing our venue, Ann provided all of the meat items that Norwood Morrison so skillfully grilled up for us. Many people brought delicious desserts and side dishes. And some folks arrived early and were able to swim in the river. It was a wonderful day!



Norwood Morrison and Elizabeth Dudley keeping an eye on the hamburgers!



Glovie and Dick Lynn, George Phillips, Ann Warner, Frances Phillips, John Fowler and Kay Morgan.



Otis Mead and his daughter, Susan, visiting with others at the picnic.



Andrew and Linsey Young did a fantastic job manning the merchandise table.



Several of us ate under the big tent!



Adirondack chairs by the Cowpasture River.

## CRPA's 50th Anniversary Series

### 2002—2005: Education and Exceptional Waters

*As part of our 50th Anniversary series, we begin the fourth installment of our history of the CRPA. In this issue, we cover the years of 2002 to 2005.*

**September 9, 2002** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church. The DEQ issued a VPDES permit to the Brookside Family Dining Restaurant. Lou and Betty Robinson met in Harrisonburg with DEQ's Jason Dameron and Keith Fowler to ask about the requirements of the permit. Keith Fowler attended and answered questions about the downstream impact of waste water treatment.

**December 9, 2002** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church. Every board member had an opinion on the matter of the Brookside permit. Most opposed permitting any treated waste water into the Lick Run tributary of the Cowpasture. Some recognized that the actual amount discharged would be small compared to other sources of pollution (such as cattle in the river). It was pointed out that we should see that commercial and private expansion in our area is done with a minimum of environmental impact; the proposed packaged treatment system would minimize the impact and should be allowed. There were strong feelings that a precedent of discharge was to be avoided. The board voted to oppose the permit.

**March 10, 2003** — Board meeting at Fairview followed a presentation to the CRPA membership and interested public by Jean Gregory of the DEQ about the Tier III river designation.

**May 3, 2003** — Annual meeting with Julian Olden from Colorado State University who reported on his biological studies on the Cowpasture and Jackson Rivers. The slate of new officers includes Fred Paxton as President and Ed Walters as Vice President. The CRPA sponsored a weekend study trip for school teachers at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Tangier Island training center. There were 14 persons on the trip; 12 were sponsored by CRPA at \$250 each for a total of \$3,000. It was suggested that we continue to sponsor this type of training with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

**July 7, 2003** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church. The Tier III Exploration Committee reported that they had put together an informational booklet that would be sent to the membership. The booklet informs the members about Tier III and solicits questions and comments.

**August 16, 2003** — This special board meeting was held at the CRPA summer picnic so that issues relative to the possible Tier III designation for the Cowpasture River could be considered. Jean Howell announced that 169 members had voted on the ballots that had been sent out. 139 voted in favor and 28 voted as opposed.

**September 8, 2003** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church. Ed Walters announced that the petition for Tier III to the DEQ had been completed. He pointed out that Pam Bracey had taken the lead on this and had spent many hours completing the document in time for consideration at this meeting. The board voted to submit the petition to the DEQ (11 in favor and 2 opposed.) It was agreed to follow up the submission with a number of public relation items.

**November 3, 2003** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church: A revised Five Year Strategic Plan was presented and discussed. The key points involved water monitoring, community education on environmental programs, creating a public relations program that will promote the CRPA's role in the community, achieving Tier III designation for the Cowpasture River and Simpson Creek, and to fund and employ a part-time Executive Director by 2005.

**January 5, 2004** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church: Ed Walters presented a digest of objections raised by a former Bath board member, Judi McCoy, plus the Bath County Board's Resolution in Opposition to Tier III. In addition to those documents, other issues, rumors and predictions were also raised:

1. Impacts on agricultural practices, forestry practices, livestock management (access to river for drinking), handling of manure.
2. Property rights. Fishing restrictions.
3. Fencing requirements.
4. Public access.
5. Possibility that present governing laws and regulations will be changed and made more restrictive.

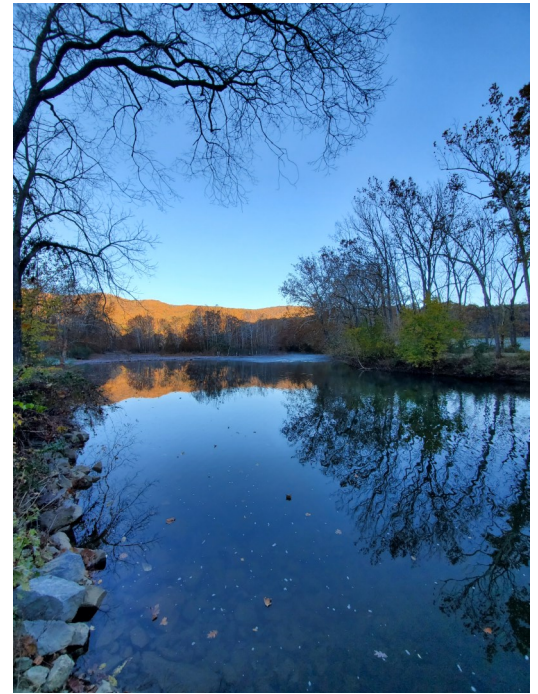
**May 1, 2004** — Annual meeting at Fairview with Russell Baker, Assistant Secretary of Natural Resources, as the speaker.

**May 3, 2004** — Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church: There was a long discussion on our strategy in pursuing the Tier III nomination. Lou Robinson has collected material for a CRPA website. Jon Beard has been selected to develop the site. The CRPA will lose our valued Treasurer when Jean Howell rotates off of the board.

**July 6, 2004** — Board meeting:

**TIER III (Jean Ann Manner)** — The following items were discussed:

- The State Water Control Board voted unanimously on June 17th to move the Cowpasture Tier III modified petition process to the "Rule Making" phase.
- On June 15th, the Allegheny Board of Supervisors voted unanimously not to support the modified Tier III petition.
- Jean noted that compromise boundary negotiations with Bath County had failed, and the entire main stem of the Cowpasture in Bath County had been removed from the petition.
- Jean reported that the Forest Service had removed objections they had to Tier III on Simpson Creek, and now all tributaries and selected portions of the main stem of Simpson are included.
- Jean reported that all of those who attended the Soil and Water Conservation Bureau (SWCB) meeting in Richmond on June 17th were recognized and that the CRPA had two to three times as many people present than the Friends of the Cowpasture.



Early morning photo taken by Tom Watts from his back deck at Lynchburg Camp on November 5, 2021 .

### **River Monitoring (Kent Ford):**

- Kent reported that he and Dave Peters had helped Jay Gilliam with a sixth grade class on a field trip to monitor the Jackson River for macroinvertebrates at a site below the paper mill. He was pleasantly surprised how many bugs were present and that the river quality was in the marginally acceptable category.
- Kent also reported that in June, a group from DEQ and the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF) had surveyed in the Craig Creek watershed for mussels. The group collected 350 mussels, including 81 James River spinymussels. They are returning in August and hope to survey the upper Cowpasture.
- Kent sampled macroinvertebrates in the 'impaired' area of the upper Cowpasture and found the good bugs abundant. The rating was a prefect 12 on the scoring method used by Saves Our Streams (SOS).

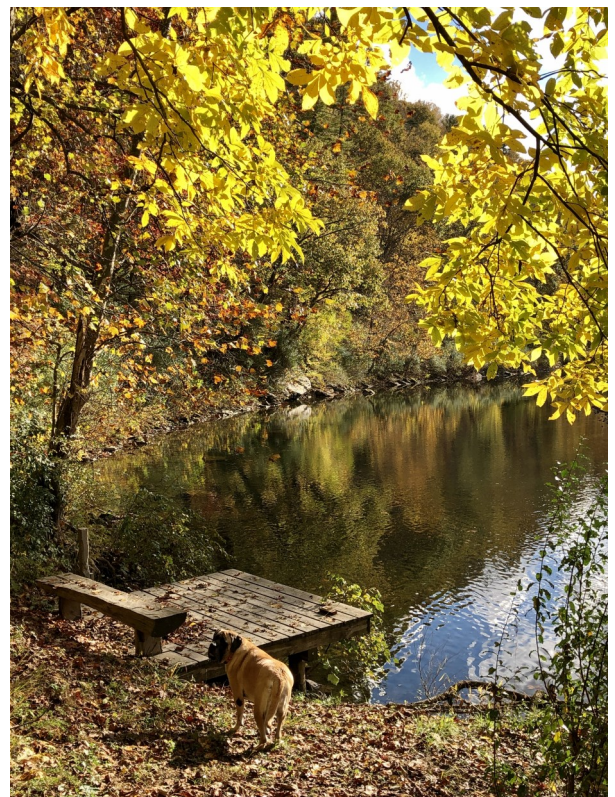
### **September 6, 2004: Board meeting:**

#### **TIER III (Jean Ann Manner) — The following items were discussed:**

- Jean Ann announced that Jean Gregory had announced the requirement for a public meeting (run by DEQ) associated with the "Rule Making" phase of the Tier III procedure.
- Lou said that he wanted to be a speaker at this session, either as a CRPA member or as a concerned citizen.
- Jean Ann is pursuing the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College (DSLCC) Moomaw Center as a venue for this event.
- Jean Ann requested that everyone show up, and those desiring to speak should sign up when they get to the meeting.
- Jean Ann requested permission to run a half page advertisement in the Virginian Review before the November meeting that shows what Tier III is and is not. A motion to grant permission was approved.

### **River Monitoring (Kent Ford):**

- Kent reported that he and other CRPA members attended a Citizens for Water Quality (CWQ) conference in Charlottesville. He reported that he has learned about a new, low cost, simple method to perform monitoring of fecal coliforms.
- Kent also reported in August that the group from DEQ, FWS (Fish and Wildlife Service) and DGIF returned and surveyed portions of the Cowpasture for mussels. The effort that is headed by the FWS was successful and numerous mussels were found.



Maggie is enjoying the fall foliage. Photo by Peggy Van Yahres taken from her home in October 2021.

- Kent pointed out that Tamara Willis from Mary Baldwin College is conducting a program with Covington and Alleghany teachers/students. Among other things, she establishes scholarships for students interested in studying water fields (biology, chemistry, hydrology, etc.). She would like to include Bath County and has asked that the CRPA sponsor a small scholarship.

**November 1, 2004:** Board Meeting:

**TIER III (Jean Ann Manner):**

- Jean Ann announced that the DEQ public meeting (town meeting) for the Cowpasture River Tier III will be held on November 10 at the DSLCC Moomaw Center at 7:00 p.m.
- The meeting was announced in the Virginian Review in early October.
- Jean Ann prepared a table called “Tier III Facts” that has a column of “Rumors” and a column of “Facts.” She gave a copy to all at the meeting and requested comments. It was decided to distribute this sheet to selected CRPA members.
- Jean Ann told us that the comment period will end on November 15.
- The time for each speaker at the meeting will be limited by the number of speakers and the time available.
- Jean Ann had a Tier III petition that several board members signed. She also gave unsigned copies to several board members and asked them to try to get signatures from their friends.
- A motion was made by Jean Ann and seconded by Marjorie that we not place the advertisement in the Virginian Review as decided at the previous board meeting unless a compelling reason arises before the town meeting.
- It was announced that the Bath County Board of Supervisors had sent a letter to DEQ with copies to the SWCB, the Department of Natural Resources and the boards of all affected counties and officials expressing their opposition to the Tier III designation to any part of the Cowpasture or its tributaries.

**January 10, 2005:** Board Meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church:

**TIER III (Jean Ann Manner):**

- Jean Ann made a detailed report on Tier III.
- An advertisement was put in the Virginian Review on November 5.
- A town meeting was held by DEQ on November 10 at DSLCC.
- SWCB will meet March 15, and the Cowpasture River Tier III is on the agenda. However, no one will be allowed to speak unless they are requested by the board.
- A petition was sent to DEQ favoring Tier III with 305 signatures, including 105 riparian landowners.
- In the SWCB meeting on December 10, ten waters were approved for Tier III. All were approved by unanimous vote except Laurel Fork in Highland (4/3 vote).

### **Millboro Springs Sewage Treatment (Kent Ford)**

- Kent passed out a packet of information regarding recent activities on the effort to provide a county sewage system to Millboro Springs.
- There was a public meeting on December 15 at the Millboro Elementary School where Ed Winant of the National Environmental Service Center of West Virginia discussed options for handling the waste water.
- Costs and benefits of the “Drip” and “Pump” type systems were discussed.
- Millboro Springs is also interested in public water, but the sewage problem has the highest priority.

### **Scholarship Program (Christie Hardbarger)**

- Jean Ann distributed application forms prepared by Christie that solicit detailed information from high school students interested in CRPA sponsored scholarships.
- Christie asked Jean Ann to request that Alleghany, Bath and Highland Counties be included, and that one scholarship for \$250 be given to a student in each county.
- She also suggested that each applicant should write a 300 word essay.
- Joe made a motion that was seconded by John that we issue the three scholarships as described above and that Christie be the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee. The motion passed.

**March 7, 2005:** Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church:

### **Millboro Springs Sewage Treatment (Joe Wood)**

- The committee addressing this issue for Bath County is considering applying for a grant that is designated a “Self Help” grant. Under this grant, the County must supply matching funds.
- A “Drip Sewer System” is still be considered.

**May 21, 2005:** Annual meeting at Elks Camp:

Members were provided a packet that included an agenda, the minutes of the previous annual meeting, an annual treasurers report, biographical sketches on all persons nominated to the board of directors, a copy of marked-up bylaws indicating proposed changes and an annual financial report.

**May 22, 2005:** Board meeting at Windy Cove Presbyterian Church:

**Election of Officers** — The nominating committee presented the following slate:

- President — Christie Hardbarger
- Vice President — Lucius Bracey
- Secretary — Lou Robinson

Christie announced that the scholarship winners from Alleghany, Bath and Highland Counties have been selected, and it was suggested that they be invited as a guest to the picnic. She also noted that the Alleghany recipient had received the scholarship at an awards assembly.



October 24, 2021 photo of Tom and Patti Watts' cabin at Lynchburg Camp. Photo by Tom Watts.

## James Spiny mussel Update

In our Spring 2019 newsletter, we ran an article about the restoration of the James Spiny mussel, an endangered species found in the James River Watershed, but which got a boost in our own Cowpasture River. On October 24, 2018, an interagency team of personnel from the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries introduced hundreds of the James Spiny mussel into the Cowpasture at the Walton Tract on the national forest. The mussel stock was reared at the Harrison Lake Fish Hatchery in Charles City, Virginia. Divers working in the chilly water also found about 10 of the *Villosa constricta* mussel species which had been tagged previously by researchers. This special wildlife management activity is part of the Joint Chief's *Lower Cowpasture Restoration Project*.



Photo by Brian Watson



Photo by Ellen Ford

**Fast forward to today to a continuation of this important work downstream of the Cowpasture River (see press releases below and on the next page). Since the water bodies are connected, this benefits the whole James River watershed mussel population.**

### **Excerpts from a Chesapeake Bay Foundation Press Released Dated June 22, 2022 Authored by Kenny Fletcher**

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin yesterday signed a two-year state budget that provides historic levels of investment in farm conservation practices and other programs to restore the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers and streams.

This bipartisan budget includes funding crucial to meeting Virginia's commitment in the [Chesapeake Clean Water Blueprint](#) to ensure the necessary water quality practices are in place by 2025. The final budget includes the following funding levels for clean water programs:

- . . . **Mussel restoration** will receive \$400,000 to assist the Department of Wildlife Resources in restoration and protection of Virginia's many freshwater mussel species. Freshwater mussels filter and clean water in the streams, [yet Virginia's mussels are increasingly threatened](#) by pollution and loss of habitat.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation Virginia Executive Director Peggy Sanner issued the following statement: . . . "We thank Governor Youngkin and our state legislators for the commitment to clean water reflected in the budget, which demonstrates that Virginia remains a regional leader in Chesapeake Bay restoration"

## Chesapeake Bay Foundation Press Release Dated September 7, 2022

by Kenny Fletcher

After more than 50 years of going missing in its home river, the endangered James Spinemussel is being returned to the James River thanks to efforts by the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources (DWR), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and other partners. Pollution and other factors led to the disappearance of the James Spinemussel, one of about 80 species of freshwater mussels in Virginia, in the main stem of the James River. Fortunately, the James Spinemussel survived in headwater streams that feed the James.

Improving water quality in the main stem of the James led mussel experts to reintroduce 1,300 James Spinemussels into the river this August at Scottsville. The experts donned wetsuits and snorkel masks, carefully placing the endangered mussels on the river's bottom. A second Spinemussel planting is expected to occur in the James River this fall. The planted mussels were propagated and raised at Harrison National Fish Hatchery east of Richmond.

The planted mussels are marked with tags, and researchers will monitor the mussels for survival and reproduction in the hopes that they reestablish the historic population.

Virginia's many species of freshwater mussels are a crucial part of healthy rivers and streams. A single mussel can filter up to 15 gallons of water per day, which can prevent pollutants such as habitat for small aquatic creatures, which in turn become food for fish.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) Virginia Senior Scientist Joseph Wood issued the following statement.**

*"The reintroduction of the James Spinemussel marks the culmination of significant efforts to bring back this native Virginia species. This is a promising sign for the improving health of the James River. Congratulations to DWR and USFS on this inspiring achievement. Great things happen when Virginia invests in mussel restoration."*



Freshwater mussels ready to be planted in a creek near Richmond, Va.

Photo by Kenny Fletcher/CBF Staff.

*But even as Virginia's freshwater mussel populations plummet, mussel restoration efforts remain underfunded. The growing enthusiasm for freshwater mussels in Virginia will hopefully lead to commitment, leadership, and investment in these amazing mollusks. For mussels to thrive, we must also continue to support programs that reduce pollution from agriculture, stormwater runoff, and sewage treatment plants."*

## Happenings in the Area



**Camp Mont Shenandoah** — Congratulations to Camp Mont Shenandoah for receiving the “Bath County Business of the Year” award through the Chamber of Commerce. CRPA member, Ann Warner, is the director of the camp, and she has often allowed CRPA to hold many of our events there. We are forever grateful to her for her warm hospitality. Congratulations Ann!

*(Left photo: Ann Warner, left, head of Camp Mont Shenandoah, accepts her award for Bath County Business of the Year. Beside her is Jackie Wade, executive director for the Bath County Chamber of Commerce. Photo courtesy of the Bath County Chamber of Commerce.)*

### Garth Newel Center

Don't forget to check out all of the onsite concerts coming up at the Garth Newel Center. Upcoming concerts include the Moon Festival concert, the Oktoberfest concert, and the “Dia de los Muertos” concert. Garth Newel also has several YouTube offerings you won't want to miss. Lodging accommodations are also available. Learn more at <https://www.garthnewel.org/>.

### Bath County Fair

We had a great time at the Bath County Fair on Saturday, September 17th. Lynne manned the CRPA table and had several engaging conversations with people about their great love and appreciation for the Cowpasture. We also had a fun “fish game” that several of the kids (and adults) played and enjoyed. Fairgoers in Bath County know their fish! We handed out some of our past newsletters. It was a beautiful day, and it was rewarding to be able to represent CRPA at such a popular local event.



### Come Join Us for the Walton Tract Clean-Up Saturday, October 22, 2022 (1:00—4:00 pm)

It's that time of year again when we 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.

# Thank You To Our Loyal Watershed Members

The following list includes dues and gifts received since November 1, 2021 during our 2021-2022 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 = \$68,561.09.** (Note: Some donors asked that their names not be published.)

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*by Aurelia Lewis*

*In Honor of Nan's Birthday*

The CRPA's current annual campaign runs from Nov. 1, 2021—Oct. 31, 2022. 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. Please consider sending 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).**



This photo of these beautiful turtles was taken from the dock of Tom and Patti Watts' home at Lynchburg Camp. The photo was taken by their next-door neighbor, Emma Tinsley. They feed the turtles every evening at 5:00 p.m., and they have as many as 10 of them that come by each evening. Tom says they are so tame that the children kneel with a small strip of cheddar cheese, and the turtles will eat the cheese right out of their hands!



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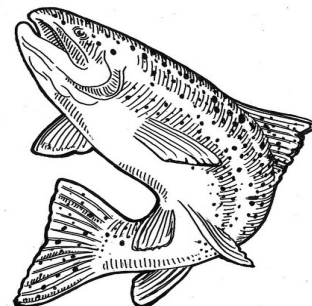
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