



WWM Stool Pigeon

WWM Fish Management Program

This summer was very productive for the museum's fish management & conservation program. Additions and improvements included:

- New 1/3 acre pond
- In stream settling pond
- 2 limestone filtration dams
- Natural pH balancing system
- Rerouted secondary supply
- Main stream supply revamp
- 60 new bluegill
- Controlled fish overflow
- 6lbs new minnows
- Controlled water overflow



New upper WWM fish management pond

Our main concentration was on the new 1/3 acre pond and the areas directly surrounding it. We began with reclamations of the land for the pond from an old dumping ground. Then work progressed to the pond excavation and revamping the fresh water main stream feed. The source for this feed is from the head waters of the Loyalhanna stream. 2 limestone dams were then implemented into this main stream supply area, which allowed for a natural in stream settling pond to form in front of each dam. These dams also provide a filtration system, while the limestone acts as a pH balancing agent.

Then 4" pipe was laid from the second in stream holding pond to the new 1/3 acre pond. This pipe was further intersected mid-way with an additional pipe fed by a smaller run off stream for the new pond intake. At the opposite end of the intake on the new pond was designed a controlled 8" overflow. This will not only control the water overflow but ultimately any overflow of smaller fish as well. All overflow feeds into additional runoff that becomes main intake for the already existing lower 1 acre pond.

To date there has been 60 new bluegill introduced to the ponds along with 6lbs of minnows. Further maintenance for correction of pH was performed on each pond by adding bails of barley straw to the base of each to breakdown slowly over the winter.

Next spring museum activities will be surely complimented with all these new additions.

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Save the Date Announcement:

This coming year's fourth annual **WWM Gun Bash & Big Game Feast** will soon be upon us. Each year has been bigger and better than the last. Due to capacity there will only be 350 tickets available for the admission into the event. Each ticket is \$50 and will be available for purchase from the second week in of December 2009 until they are sold out. They will be available in time for those of you that have purchased them for Christmas gifts in past years. This year they would make great Valentine gifts as well! Please check our [WWM website: www.wildernesswildlife.org](http://www.wildernesswildlife.org) for updates and ticket sales or phone the WWM directly at (724) 593-9400 to reserve your tickets now! Below is the event info:

WWM Gun Bash & Big Game Feast

Date: (Sunday) February 14th, 2010

Time: 12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Where: The Mill Creek, Springer Road, Ligonier, Pennsylvania, 15658

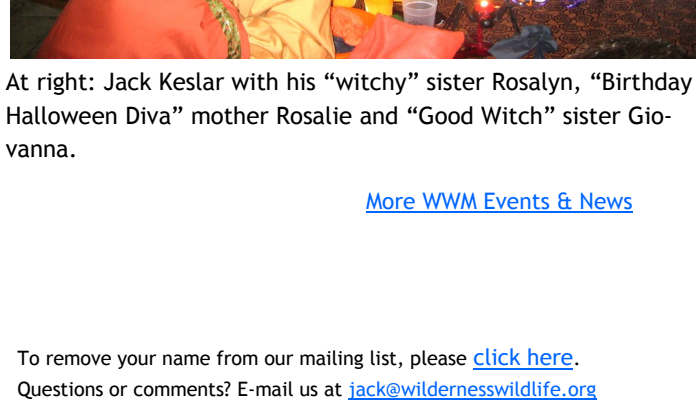
\$50 ticket will include drawings for 10-15 firearms on ticket, all you can eat and drink buffet featuring wild game & door prizes. Additional pistol, rifle, cash and shotgun raffles will be available. You must have a ticket to enter but you do not have to be present to win. Must be 21 for handguns. Proceeds benefit the Wilderness Wildlife Museum.

WWM Halloween Night at the Museum

Much fun was had by all at this year's annual, "Night at the Museum." Not only did we celebrate Halloween, but we brewed up an even bigger surprise! We used the event to mask a surprise birthday party for Rosalie Keslar on her actual birthday night! The event & surprise were a GREAT success. The costumed characters and ghouls were the finishing touch (pictured below) to a spooky and gruesomely decorated museum. Thanks to all whom attended & helped to made it a very special evening.



(Back) Bree Horrell & Georgie Scott. (Front) Taylor & Katie Horrell, Mary & Sophia Smithnosky.



At right: Jack Keslar with his "witchy" sister Rosalyn, "Birthday Halloween Diva" mother Rosalie and "Good Witch" sister Giovanna.



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