



# Stream Line

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## Annual Meeting Held March 26

Members and guests gathered recently for the Annual Public Meeting of the KRWP, held at the Berryville Community Center. Several board members were up for reelection. They were not opposed and so Matt Hunnicutt, Ron Flake, and Troy Cline will each serve three more years.

Randy Forst, the County Extension Agent, presented a talk on how communities can work together to

protect and conserve water resources, based on his experience in Collierville and Germantown, TN., near Memphis. Faced with degrading water resources, these towns developed tree planting programs and built permeable sidewalks to ensure rainfall got to the roots. They developed green space, built water gardens, and updated code requirements to ensure that new construction reflected proven methods of water preservation.

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## 2013 Kayak Raffle

Someone will win this 9.5 Perception Tribe sit-on-top kayak in a raffle made possible by Ozark Mountain Trading Co. Proceeds will benefit KRWP. Tickets are \$3 each, or 4 for \$10. See the kayak and purchase tickets at Eye-Q Optical in the Williams Shopping Center. Tickets are also sold at Mane Street Salon, in Green Forest. The drawing will take place on June 1st after the river clean up.



## Walter Karnes Recognized

Serving on the KRWP board since it was founded a decade ago, Walter Karnes has shared a wealth of knowledge about the Kings River. The river flows through the farmland his family has worked for generations. On it, he and his wife, Helen ran a dairy operation while raising their family. They now have a cattle operation. For his service on the board as well as his farming practices, he received the Land Steward of the Year award and was also named Volunteer of the Decade for his contributions to the watershed partnership. Walter's term expired, and he has faced a few health challenges in the past year, but this life-long Carroll County resident is coming back strong. Thank You, again, Walter!

## Upcoming Events:

### River Cleanups:

Madison County  
April 20th

Carroll County Clean-up, after-party and kayak raffle  
June 1st

**The KRWP Mission**  
is a cooperative effort, organized exclusively for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes; more specifically to protect the health, purity, and economic viability of the Kings river watershed, now and for future generations



## Annual Meeting Cont.

Mr. Forst admitted that such measures are not cheap, but stated that when communities are willing to work together to protect their resources, the investment pays off in the long run and allows us to pass on healthy, attractive waterways to subsequent generations. Ray Warren, who oversees the water quality testing program, with help from Glenda Alison and Kyle Hunnicutt, gave a brief report on how water samples are collected and explained which tests can be performed by those involved in collecting samples and which tests need to be done at the U

of A testing facilities. Following Ray's report, Ron Flake stepped up to recognize retiring board member Walter Karnes contributions to the organization. The board also wanted to honor the musical group Southern Zephyr, including band members Rhonda and Glenn Littrell and Dr. Robert Taylor for their contribution of music to the yearly party after the Carroll County river clean up efforts. Gray Squires, who also plays with the band, accepted the award on their behalf. The meeting was adjourned, with members and guests invited to enjoy the refreshments provided.

Are there areas on your property where run off during heavy rains is a problem? There are a variety of measures property owners can take to encourage water to slow down and sink in rather than creating erosion and contributing to the silting up of our rivers and streams.

To learn more about what you can do, check out:

<http://www.wikihow.com/Reduce-Stormwater-Runoff-at-Your-Home>

## Factory Farms in the Buffalo Watershed?

People all over the Ozarks are asking how a permit could have been issued which may have a major impact on the quality of the air and water of the first designated National River in America. Sewage lagoons are notorious for failing, particularly during heavy rains (like hurricane remnants, for example.)

The Buffalo River was recently listed as number 2 on National Geographic Magazine's list of things to see in the US, right behind the Grand Canyon. Fifty years ago, Dr. Neil Compton lead a group in the uphill battle to protect the Buffalo River from being dammed. Now it's fragile ecosystem is being threatened by a confined commercial hog operation that could produce more sewage than a small city, sewage that they propose to spread over the steep, rocky hills within the Buffalo's watershed, and within easy reach of a major tributary. The Arkansas Dept. of Environmental Quality is hosting an informational meeting of their decision to issue the permit at 6 p.m, May 8th, at the Jasper branch of Carroll Electric.

## Membership Renewals

James Sanders  
 Glenda Alison  
 Lin Wellford  
 Sam Davis  
 Sue Davis  
 Gray Squires  
 Ernie Kilman  
 Ron Flake  
 Joy Flake  
 Matt Hunnicutt  
 Kyle Hunnicutt  
 Alan Hunnicutt  
 Tina Cone  
 Joe Scott  
 Bill Ross  
 Cindy Rimkus  
 Walter Wheaton  
 Ozarks Water Watch  
 (c/o David Casaletto)  
 Ron Wright  
 Harper Goodwin  
 Diane Goodwin  
 Ninestone Land Trust  
 (c/o Judith Griffith)  
 Lynn Pearson  
 Alan Wright  
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As of April 12, 2013  
 please contact Glenda  
 Alison if you have been  
 omitted from the list  
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### How to Renew Your Membership

Please send your check for \$20.00 to:  
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