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***CUMBERLAND COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT HOLDS
ANNUAL ENVIROTHON***

Cumberland County, PA - Students from nine area high schools competed in the annual Cumberland County Envirothon on Tuesday, May 2, at Mechanicsburg Sportsmen's Association, Enola, Cumberland County. 5 Blind Mice from Cumberland Valley High School took first place with a score of 362; second place went to River Otter Spotters from Carlisle High School with a score of 316; and third place went to Catastrophic Caddisflies from Cumberland Valley with a score of 313. The 5 Blind Mice will represent Cumberland County at the 2017 Pennsylvania Envirothon at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown Campus, Johnstown, PA, on May 23 and 24.

The Cumberland County Envirothon, presented by the Cumberland County Conservation District, is an academic competition that provides high school students hands-on field experience dealing with natural resource issues. Students complete five exams that test their knowledge on aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current issue, which was invasive species. 116 students participated this year and enjoyed the windy, sunny day. Schools participating in the competition include Big Spring, Boiling Springs, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Cedar Cliff, Cumberland Valley, East Pennsboro, Mechanicsburg and Shippensburg.

Representatives from the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, PA Game Commission, the Conservation District, and Natural Resources Conservation Service administered the tests.

Once the competition was over, the students enjoyed a picnic lunch provided by the Conservation District. After lunch, the Conservation District handed out awards, made from Pennsylvania hardwood, to the top three teams at each station and the top three teams overall. All participating students and advisors received an Envirothon t-shirt sponsored by Adams Electric Cooperative.

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