Westover wins FAW photograph

During the Warren County Outdoor Show at the Warren Mall Jan. 10-11, Friends of Allegheny Wilderness (FAW) raffled off a beautiful, professionally matted and framed photo of the Allegheny National Forest (ANF) titled “Chestnut Ridge Beaver Pond.”

This photo was taken along North Branch Sugar Run within the proposed Chestnut Ridge Wilderness Area in McKean County. The photo had originally appeared in the month-long “Picturing Wilderness” exhibition at Warren’s Cray Art Gallery during the summer of 2007.

In 2005, FAW proposed Chestnut Ridge for wilderness designation under the Wilderness Act of 1964, and the U.S. Forest Service then formally adopted this proposal as part of their long-term management plan for the ANF in 2007.

At the end of the Warren County Outdoor Show on Sunday evening, Pete Westover's name was randomly drawn from the more than 60 people who had stopped by the FAW booth to enter the contest over the course of the weekend. Impartial third party Cassidy Nielsen, a WAHS student, performed the honors of drawing the winning name.

Long-time FAW board member Dr. Ronald Simonsen of Warren (right) is shown delivering “Chestnut Ridge Beaver Pond” to Pete outside his home on Swede Hill Road in Russell. Also pictured is Linda Westover, Pete’s wife.