

Soil and Water Conservation District announces contest winners

Region Reports

The Chesterfield Soil and Water Conservation District's 2013 Photo/Poster Contest was a complete success with 60 participants countywide.

The contest wrapped up near end of last school year, April 30. The theme was "Where Does Your Water Shed?"

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a particular body of water such as a river or a lake. Participants created their vision based on contest guidelines. Submissions were judged by local artists Margaret Dotson and Mary Davis on the conservation message, visual effectiveness, originality and universal appeal.

Photo contest winners include: first place Zoe Fedorchuk, second place Claire Kilgore, and third place Hannah Horton, all of McBee High School.

Poster contest winners included kindergarten – first-



Pictured above left are winners of a Chesterfield Soil and Water Conservation District 2013 poster contest. Pictured right are winners of a photo contest.



Susan Griggs/Staff Photographer

grade category: first place Duward Angle, second place Petrina Little, third place Tyler Gordon. Honorable mentions were James Evan Norris and Lily June Box. Box, Norris, Angle and Gordon attended St. David's School, while Little attended Little Bethel Academy. Joshua Little of Little

Bethel Academy won the second- and third-grade category.

The fourth- through sixth-grade category was won by Bethany Funderburk, while second place was secured by Samuel Little, with Hannah Nicholson placing third. Kylie Catoe and Pooja Patel received honorable mentions.

Little attends Little Bethel Academy, while the rest attended South Pointe.

McBee High School students Brianna Ludlum and Deanna Faile placed first and second, respectively, in the seventh- through ninth-grade categories, while Timothy Branham of the Palmetto Learning Center secured

third.

Aide Rangel (New Heights) and Alexis Green (McBee High) received honorable mentions for their entries.

Cody Boykin (McBee High) won the 10th – 12th grade division, with Palmetto Learning Center students Jordan Trexler and Keyona War-

ren placing second and third, respectively.

District winners will be judged at the state level, with subsequent state winners being judged at the national level.

Thank you to all of the Conservation District Affili-

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PASS TEST

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(reading and research), mathematics, science, and social studies. For Spring 2013, all students in grades 3 through 8 will take the writing test, English language arts and mathematics tests.

All students in grades 4 and 7 take both the science and social studies tests. Students in grades 3, 5, 6 and 8 take either the science or social studies test. Approximately half of the students in each of these grades are randomly assigned to take the PASS science test; the other half are assigned to take the social studies test in each of these grades (per school).

What Type of Items are on the PASS Tests?

The PASS writing test includes an extended-response item (day 1) and multiple-choice items (day 2). The extended-response item requires the student to write a composition on a given topic. Most of the multiple-choice items on the writing test are linked to editing passages.

All other PASS tests (ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies) contain multi-

ple-choice items only. The multiple-choice items on the ELA test are linked to reading passages.

Tips on How to Help Your Child Prepare for Standardized Tests

1. Assist your child with homework, and ensure that your child is completing all homework assignments.
2. Help your child to develop good study habits, thinking skills, and a positive attitude toward education.
3. Ensure your child has good attendance in school.
4. Keep the communications lines open between you and your child.
5. Encourage your child to read as much as possible and to increase his/her vocabulary – even reading magazines, newspapers and comic books regularly will improve his/her reading skills.
6. Encourage your child to learn how to follow directions carefully.
7. Help your child in areas that are difficult for him/her. (If your child has struggled with a particular area or subject in the past, you may be able to help overcome some of that difficulty by providing some extra practice.)

8. Give your child a chance to practice. (If your child has trouble taking tests, try practicing test questions and studying new words.)

9. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast.

10. Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If your child gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, practice some relaxation techniques the child can try once he/she's taking the test.

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We truly miss Gale and love her with all our heart.

All your family misses you, and your co-workers want never to forget you, because of your love and concern for them. We want to thank all her co-workers and friends for being in her life. We take life for granted and think we will see and talk tomorrow, but we are not promised tomorrow. Daughter, God needed you to do a work in His Kingdom. I know you are happy up there with Him, that is where I am striving to be one day, and we can talk and walk hand in hand, rejoicing with the Lord forever.

We love you always,
Family of Belinda Gale Rivers

PUBLIC NOTICE

Regulation 61-107.2 solid waste management; Full cost disclosure requires all local governments which provide solid waste management services to determine their full cost for said services. The Town of Chesterfield hereby reports that a total of \$217,526.00 was spent for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. Cost per capita \$147.98.

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Leighton Bell/Editor

Wannamaker Drug now offering medical scrubs

Officials from the town of Cheraw and Greater Cheraw Chamber of Commerce joined Wannamaker Drug, located at 156 Market St. in Cheraw, for a ribbon cutting last Wednesday in celebration of Wannamaker's expansion that will include the sale of medical uniforms. A 20 percent discount is being offered on all Cherokee and Dickies merchandise through Sept. 28 as part of the celebration. The care community also may enter drawings for free Cherokee and Dickies scrubs. The drawing will take place Sept. 28, and winners need not be present to win. Wannamaker Drug is open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, 8:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and closed on Sunday.

ALLIANCE

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"There's an agreement among those on the board that if politics ever comes into play, we'll pull out, along with our (respective business') money," said Hancock, who is president of American Stainless in Cheraw.

Hancock said he feels workforce development is becoming a strength of Chesterfield County, especially due to the strong community presence of Northeastern Technical College, which has provided training for many local businesses and industry. The college has campuses on both ends of Chesterfield County, one in Pageland and one in Cheraw, as well as operating facilities in Dillon and Marlboro counties.

Hancock identified infrastructure as still a major concern for Chesterfield County, specifically mentioning wastewater issues in Pageland, the lack of natural gas at a speculative building located at the Carolinas Centre Industrial Park between Cheraw and Chesterfield, and the need for road improvements along S.C. Highway 9 and U.S. highways 1 and 52.

Hancock said Pageland's lack of sewer capacity is the largest concern for the county at this point, as the western end is the gateway to attracting business from Charlotte, N.C.

Hancock said a study completed eight years ago suggested routing wastewater from Pageland to the town of Cheraw, which has excess sewer capacity. Pageland Town Council has since decided it's in the town's best interest to partner with Alligator Rural Water and Sewer Co. in McBee, which is in the process of acquiring funds for a new wastewater treatment facility.

Hancock said the Chesterfield County Economic Development Alliance hopes to work with the town of Pageland to fund an independent study to get the wastewater issue resolved as soon as possible.

"Pageland is vital to the growth of Cheraw," Hancock said. "I believe if we can get industries locating in Pageland that are working with the ones in Cheraw, then you're going to see Highway 9 be widened."

While the Alliance is working toward improving workforce and infrastructure to recruit new businesses, Chesterfield County Economic Development Director Brenda Workman points out gains are still being made at existing industries.

Expansions have been made at companies in Pageland, McBee and Cheraw,

with other announcements yet to be made, according to Workman. At this month's Chesterfield County Council meeting, two fee-in-lieu of tax agreements were approved that are intended as incentives for two separate economic development projects.

Following Hancock's presentation, Cheraw Mayor Andy Ingram questioned the likelihood of the Chesterfield County Economic Development Board being dissolved. The board is a nine-member committee appointed by Chesterfield County Council members to focus on economic development projects.

Hancock said the board and alliance do not conflict with

each other in any way, nor does he feel there is a duplication of work being done. The role of the board was described as being that of a liaison between Chesterfield County Council and the Chesterfield County Economic Development Alliance, with the future of the board being left up to Chesterfield County Council.

Other questions raised at the conclusion of the meeting were about work being done at the former Cheraw Walmart shopping center on S.C. Highway 9, as well as questions raised about the replacement of the Pee Dee River Bridges.

Ingram said he contacted

Congressman Tom Rice's office about the bridges several weeks ago and was told the projects, which were once near the top of a stimulus package plan, had now been moved close to the bottom of the list.

Ingram said owners of the former Walmart property are very tight-lipped about the work being done there, but he has been told there is a deed restriction of a non-compete clause that is delaying any potential businesses from locating there at the moment. Crews have been working on the building and in the parking lot, however, giving an appearance a business will be using the facility in the future.

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The SWCD thanks all of the participants for their

hard work and dedication, all of the teachers, and a special thank you goes to Margaret Dotson and Mary Davis for judging the entries this year.

For more information about the SWCD contest, or if you wish to enlist your school in the contest next year, visit www.chesterfieldswcd.com or call (843) 623-2187, ext. 3. All schools are welcome.

PRAYER GARDEN

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Griggs praised local businesses that stepped up to help with the garden by donating materials. Businesses involved with the project include Bethune Pottery, Chesterfield Building Supply, Latham's Nursery (Monroe, N.C.), Oldcastle Lawn and Garden, Palmetto Brick Company and Turf Connections. Many Chesterfield County residents helped with the garden as well, donating labor, plants and materials.

CMCH Adams Campus Director Vernelle Swinton

has been overwhelmed with appreciation for the prayer garden.

"It has been a huge blessing to be able to see this project come together and completed," commented Swinton. "This is just God's way of showing us to be patient, and He will provide for us."

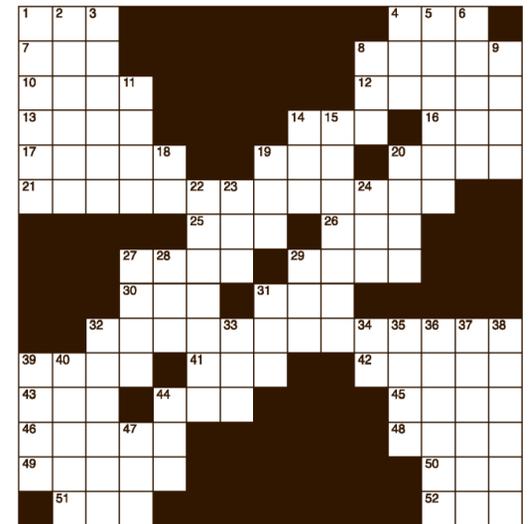
The SWCD plans to continue the quest to educate children on the environment by applying for more grants to fund projects such as this one.

On Stage Play Canceled

The On Stage Theatre Group's presentation of "38,000 For A Friendly Face" scheduled for Sept. 26-29 has been cancelled due to a death.

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

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| 1. Belaya river port city | 31. A major division of geological time |
| 4. Arbitrageur businessman | 32. Edith Bunker actress |
| 7. Leavened bread | 39. Parent organizations |
| 8. Exploiters | 41. Express pleasure |
| 10. 7 deadly | 42. Entrap |
| 12. Minimal unit of metrical time | 43. Fabric with a corded surface |
| 13. 12th Jewish month | 44. A food additive to enhance flavor |
| 14. Our 50 states | 45. Database management system |
| 16. Fiddler crabs | 46. Betel palm genus |
| 17. Them in Spanish | 48. Notch |
| 19. Texas Gov. Richards | 49. Hungarian is a Finno-_____ language |
| 20. Single integers | 50. A right angle building extension |
| 21. Areas of a city | 51. Burgh on the Firth of Clyde |
| 25. Goat and camel hair fabric | 52. Owed as a debt |
| 26. Misery resulting from affliction | |
| 27. Icelandic island | |
| 29. Publisher Adolph | |
| 30. Oxalis crenata | |

CLUES DOWN

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Not visible or perceived | 24. Express wonder |
| 2. A ribbed woven fabric of silk, rayon or cotton | 27. Works a garden's soil |
| 3. Growth rings | 28. Alias |
| 4. Volcanic mountain in Japan | 29. Opening |
| 5. Rebroadcasts a show | 31. Bones |
| 6. A British suspender | 32. Harlequinade clowning (Mid. Eng.) |
| 8. Fringe-toed lizard | 33. Lose resilience |
| 9. Oceans | 34. Syrian pound |
| 11. Molten metal scum residue | 35. Finishes |
| 14. Atomic # 106 | 36. Held over |
| 15. Mountain peak covering | 37. Brass that looks like gold |
| 18. Request for quiet | 38. Cuddle |
| 19. Macaws | 39. Small sailboat |
| 20. Lyric poems | 40. Dorsal plates on arthropods |
| 22. #8 potassium rich fruits | 44. A waterproof raincoat |
| 23. Star Wars' ___-Wan Kenobi | 47. Latin: around time of |