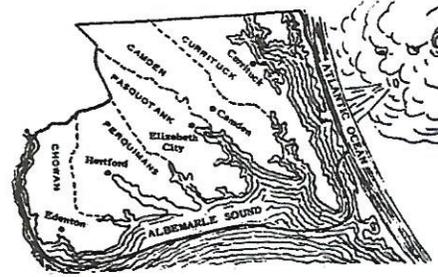


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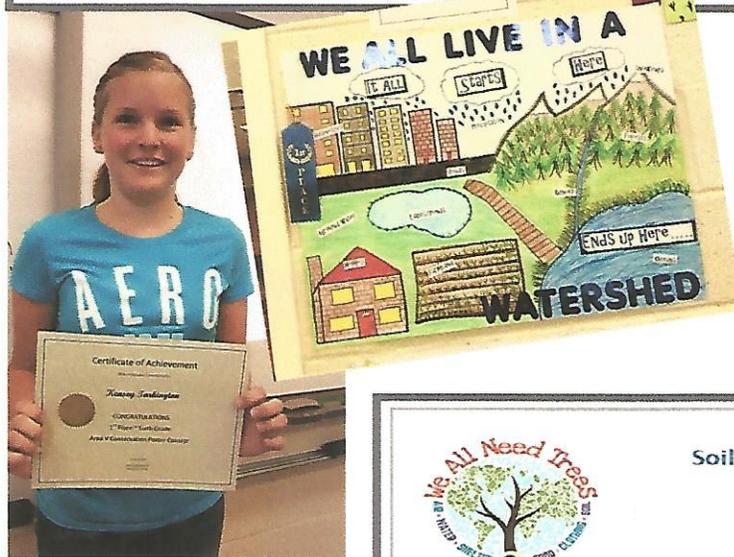
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EAGLES WIN

Northeastern High School Eagles FFA won first place in the Coastal Envirothon competition held at Cool Springs Environmental Center in Newbern. The Eagles will compete in the State competition which will be held April 29-30 in Burlington. Congratulations to the team and their Advisor Mrs. Roberta Manzer.



Congratulations to **Kensey Tarkington** who won second place in the State Soil & Water Conservation Poster Contest. Kensey is a sixth grade student at Camden Intermediate School. Her teacher was Melissa Harnly.

The Albemarle District is promoting Soil & Water Stewardship Week. The 2016 Stewardship Week hinges around the theme "We All Need Trees". Trees provide us with a multitude of benefits and services including, but not limited to: clean air and water, healthy soil, shade, wood products, fuel, and jobs.

Soil & Water Stewardship Week
2016
PROCLAMATION

Whereas fertile soil and clean water provide us with our daily sustenance, and
Whereas effective conservation practices have helped provide us a rich standard of living,
and
Whereas our security depends upon healthy soil and clean water, and
Whereas stewardship calls for each person to help conserve these precious resources,

Therefore, I do hereby proclaim

April 24 to May 1, 2016
Soil & Water Stewardship Week

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CAMDEN

OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER ALMOST COMPLETED

By: Brian Lannon

Carpentry classes at Camden County High School are putting the finishing touches on the Outdoor Environmental Learning Center funded by a grant from the Walmart Foundation through the North Carolina Foundation for Soil & Water Conservation, Inc. The carpentry classes are providing in-kind services to match the \$2500 grant. This is just the first phase of a three phase project that also will provide a constructed wetland and nature trail with funds from a US Fish and Wildlife grant and Water Resources Development Grant Program. The project is designed to engage the students and faculty in the great outdoors so they can better understand natural environments and wetlands in particular, and to involve them directly in improving water quality in the watershed. Camden SWCD will provide environmental education resources and encourage the incorporation of the site in student's curriculum.



WE ALL LIVE in a WATERSHED

Poster, Bookmarks, and Essay Contests were held recently. Following the contests students, teachers, and parents were treated by the Albemarle District to an Awards Luncheon held in Elizabeth City. Kensey Tarkington (Shown on front page) won first place in Camden County, first place in Area 5, and second place in the State Poster Contest. Ashlyn Swaim (shown above) won first place in Camden County and third place in the Area 5 Essay Contest. Other winners for the county were Libby Coker, MacKenzie Saylor, MacKenzie Boose, and Anna Sullivan.

CHOWAN

CHOWAN SOIL & WATER ANNOUNCES 2016 CONTEST WINNERS

On Thursday, March 10, 2016 three Chowan County students were rewarded for their efforts in this year's Soil and Water Conservation Poster & Essay and Bookmark Contest at the 63rd Annual Albemarle District Educational Luncheon. The theme this year was "We all Live in a Watershed". A big shout out for all the Chowan Middle School students that participated in the contest they all did a great job. Ahna Owens from Chowan Middle School won 1st place in the Area 5 Essay Contest. Congratulations Ahna!!! The Chowan County Soil and Water Conservation District Bookmark and Essay Contest winners were as follows:

Bookmark Winners

1st place- Ahna Owens
2nd place- Breanna Coburn



L to R: 1st row: Ahna Owens, Breanna Coburn, Melanie Waff
2nd row: Makesha Spivey, (Teacher), John Lassiter (principal)
Adriane Walker (teacher)



Essay Winners
1st place Ahna Owens
2nd Place Melanie Waff

CHOWAN ENVIROTHON TEAMS

Chowan Soil & Water Conservation is proud to announce that they had 3 teams to represent Chowan County this year at the Coastal Envirothon. The 1 High School team and 2 Middle School Teams represented Chowan Soil & Water District. They were the Hydrilla Guerillas and Jelly Beans and the Water Warriors. Even though they didn't make it to the State Envirothon Competition they did an outstanding job representing the Chowan Soil & Water Conservation District this year.

The Envirothon Program is an effective educational tool, capable of supplementing environmental education both inside and outside the classroom. Led by a volunteer advisor, teams usually meet from late autumn until spring. Teams work collaboratively to develop their knowledge of ecology and natural resource management and to practice their environmental problem-solving skills in preparation for Envirothon competition. The North Carolina Coastal Envirothon is held annually at the Cool Springs Environmental Education Center. It allows teams from Area 5 and Area 6 to compete against one another to win a spot at the N.C. State Envirothon held in Burlington, NC in April. Congratulations to all of Chowan County teams for doing an outstanding job representing us at the Coastal Envirothon!!



CURRITUCK

Conservation Tips

By: Will Creef



Manly West—Land Smoothing



Leveling and reshaping the surface of farm fields is an important practice implemented to improve water quality, reduce nutrient loss, improve infiltration, and reduce erosion. Properly leveled farm fields can retain water and nutrients longer improving crop production and water quality.



Supervisor **Harvey Roberts** stands next to a mini water control structure that is installed at the end of his **drainage tile**.

Blocked Culvert



Check & maintain culvert pipes. Clogged culverts or drainage ditches can cause problems not only for you, but numerous people upstream.



Layout of Drainage tile on Roberts Brothers Farm. Tile drainage is a method of drainage that removes excess water from sub-surface soil. This method of drainage provides a way to drain low wet areas without ditching. Essentially it is a perforated pipe encased in a mesh sock. The pipe and sock combination is installed under the ground and routed to the drainage outlet.



Green snake warming in the sun. Spring is here!



County Winners pictured are *Riley Grimstead (Moyock)*; *Madeline McCaulley (Jarvisburg)*; *Isabella Thomas (Jarvisburg)*; *Rachel Belue (Moyock)* and *Sofia Burgos (Griggs)*.



Bookmark Winners

"We all Live in a Watershed"

By: Kim Dozier-Smichnick

The Currituck SWCD Bookmark Contest had great participation this year, theme was **We All Live in a Watershed**.

County Winners were: 4th grade 1st place Madeline McCaulley, 2nd place Sofia Burgos; 3rd place Landon Waterfield. 5th grade 1st place Isabella Thomas, 2nd place Rachel Belue, 3rd place Riley Grimstead.

First and second place winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed to the schools and county libraries.



Landon Waterfield, 4th grade — third place winner (Griggs Elementary School)

distributed to the schools and county libraries.

Thanks to all the teachers and students who participated. Be on the look out for next year's contest for fourth and fifth grades starting in October!!

PASQUOTANK



Steve Harris receives his twenty five year plaque from Albemarle District Chairman Mark Powell. Steve has served the Albemarle District and Pasquotank Soil & Water in many capacities since being elected in December 1990. At this time he is serving as Pasquotank SWCD Chairman and the Albemarle District Vice-Chairman. In the past he has served as Albemarle District Chairman and as Secretary/Treasurer. He has also served as Area 5 Chairman.



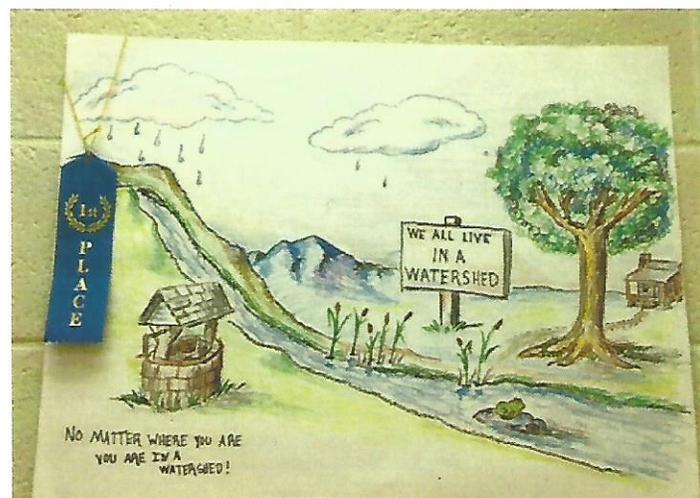
Weeksville Elementary had many winners in the Pasquotank County Poster and Bookmark Contests. Third grade posters were 1st Place Bradley Boone, 2nd Evan Furst, 3rd Jacob Meads. Bookmarks winners were 1st place Andrew Ly, 2nd Cassie Wilson, and 3rd Madison Belanga. Fourth grade only had bookmarks, winners were 1st place Zhykiera Bell, 2nd John Twiford, 3rd Marco Lara. Fifth grade posters were 1st place Marlee Johnson, 2nd Angel Firman, and 3rd Raul Lara. Bookmarks winners were 1st place Trey Lineberry, 2nd Kaitlyn Brown, 3rd Miranda Parker. There were several 4th place and honorable mention winners. We would like to thank their art teacher Mrs. Marie Alvaraz for working with the students.

Marlee Johnson also won 1st place in the Area 5 poster contest (shown below) and Zhykiera Bell won 3rd place in the bookmark contest.

FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) REMINDERS

- **MAY 15TH** CROP REPORTING DEADLINE FOR CABBAGE & POTATOES
- **JULY 15TH** CROP REPORTING DEADLINE FOR CORN, SOYBEANS, COTTON, PEANUTS, GRAIN SORGHUM AND ALL OTHER CROPS
- **2016 ARC PLC SIGN-UP** The 2016 ARC PLC Sign-up is underway and the **DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1ST.**
- Please call the FSA Office 252-338-1070 and make an appointment.

WE ALL LIVE IN A WATERSHED



PERQUIMANS

Coastal Envirothon Training Day

By: Janet Stallings

This year we had our 6th annual Coastal Envirothon Training Day. It was held at Goose Creek State Park in Washington, NC. We had around 140 students, 28 team, and 15 schools to participate. It was a very exciting day for the students. They learned so much on the different courses that they will be tested on the day of the Coastal Envirothon competition. Lunch was provided for the students as well as their advisors by the Area 5 Education Committee. Perquimans County High School had a team to attend. A very special THANK YOU goes out to Angel White for all her outstanding support and hard work she gives these students.

2016 Poster & Essay Winners

By: Janet Stallings

These students are all smiles after winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the county competition for their conservation poster & essay contest. This years theme was "We All Live in a Watershed". Students from 3rd grade to 6th grade competed in our annual Perquimans SWCD Poster/Essay contest. These students were recognized at the annual District Award Luncheon that was held in Elizabeth City in March. First place went to Miranda Stallings and second place went to Madelyn Stallings. Miranda's poster went on to the Area 5 and won 3rd place. Belle Rose & Jakob Meads won the 1st & 2nd place in the Essay contest. Congratulations to all our students. We are very proud of them!



Miranda Stallings & Madelyn Stallings with Janet Stallings (Perquimans SWCD)

Belle Pierce
First place Essay



Jakob Meads 2nd place Essay
with his grandmother Mrs.
Teresa Story



2016 Stewardship Week



Mrs. Tiffany Roberts
Miranda Stallings
Madelyn Stallings

NACD has sponsored Stewardship Week since 1955. This year marks the 61st anniversary to celebrate NACD Stewardship Week. This year's theme is "We All Need Trees", which focuses on the important role that trees have in our daily life. Join in the celebration during the week of April 24 to May 3, 2016.

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