2007 Tree Seedling Sale A Big Success

Lots of seedlings should be budding in Henderson County soon. We had our annual tree seedling sale on Saturday February 17, 2007 and sold over 13,000 seedlings! We were almost completely sold out of trees by the sale date with all the pre-orders that came in.

Special thanks to Cary Pace and our Earth Team Volunteers Rebecca Pace and David and Phyllis Reiser for all of their hard work counting and bagging seedlings!

We try to encourage people to reserve their seedlings in advance to allow us time to count, bag and have the seedlings ready for pick-up on the Saturday of the sale. Our seedling order is limited because we have to place our order in July or August for the coming year’s spring seedling sale. Next year’s seedling sale will be in February again. We will start taking orders in late December or early January so be sure to look for the order form in the winter newsletter and place your orders early!

Mills River Partnership Wins Award!

The “Hugh Hammond Bennett Chapter” of the Soil and Water Conservation Society recently awarded Shaun Moore, Mills River Watershed Project Coordinator the Unit of Government Award. This award is presented to acknowledge outstanding achievements and contributions to resource-related programs.

The Mills River Partnership has worked very hard to stabilize and improve the watershed that supplies water to much of Henderson County and the cities of Hendersonville and Asheville. Stream-bank stabilization, fencing to remove livestock from waterways, and chemical handling facilities all have improved this drinking water source.

Dr. Greg Hoyt, Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisor, was pleased to present this award to Shaun at an awards ceremony and banquet in Raleigh on January 13, 2007. Congratulations to Shaun on a job well done!
“Wetlands are Wonderful!” was the theme for this year’s Educational Contest. Henderson County 8th graders participated in a Public Speaking Contest, 6th graders competed in an Essay Contest, and 5th graders competed in a Poster Contest. Thanks to all the students who participated in the contest.

See the pictures below and on the following page to find out who won this year’s contest and have a look at their outstanding work!

**Eighth Grade Public Speaking Contest**

**Eva Ward**, an 8th grader from the Mountain Community School won First Place in the Public Speaking Contest for the Henderson County District. She went on to participate in the Area I Public Speaking Competition in Waynesville and took 2nd place there!

For her efforts Eva won:
- $10 for school winner
- $50 for District First Place
- $25 for Area I Second Place

Eva is pictured at left with her teacher, Peggy McCarter and Cary Pace.

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Sixth Grade Essay Contest

1st Place Sixth Grade Essay Contest
Parker Bradford from Rugby Middle School pictured with his teacher Janet Trubey. His essay went on to participate in the Area I Competition in Waynesville and took 2nd place!
For his efforts Parker won:
$10 for school winner
$50 for District First Place
$25 for Area I Second Place

2nd Place Sixth Grade Essay Contest
Mackenzie Tittle from the Mountain Community School. For his efforts Mackenzie won:
$10 for school winner
$25 for District Second Place

5th Grade Poster Contest

1st Place Fifth Grade Poster Contest
Dallas Arnold from Clear Creek Elementary. His poster went on to participate in the Area I Competition in Waynesville and took 2nd place!
For his efforts Dallas won:
$50 for District First Place
$25 for Area I Second Place

2nd Place Fifth Grade Poster Contest
Tess Russell from Clear Creek Elementary. For her efforts Tess won:
$20 for District Second Place

3rd Place Fifth Grade Poster Contest
Tanner Garren from Clear Creek Elementary. For his efforts Tanner won:
$10 for District Third Place
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