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Hanover Teachers Prepare for GreenSchools



Chickahominy Middle School assistant principal Andrea Herndon and sixth-grade teachers Ric Hertless and Jan Foltz demonstrate how best management practices in conservation help prevent pollution.

Teachers and administrators from Hanover County's four middle schools attended two professional development trainings in July and August, hosted by Hanover –Caroline SWCD in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Forestry's Project Learning Tree. The trainings, held at the Virginia Public Safety Training Center in Hanover, were in preparation for implementing Project Learning Tree's GreenSchools Investigations in sixth-grade science classes, beginning this year.

The Investigations, in which "students lead the way," address locally-relevant, real-world environmental problems and solutions at each school and are being used as part of the Meaningful Watershed Educational Experience (MWEE) to meet environmental literacy goals and objectives of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.

Dragonfly Farms Hosts VFGC Summer Pasture Walk



The Virginia Forage and Grasslands Council, together with innovative, all-natural producers Bruce and Catherine Johnson, hosted a well-attended Summer Pasture Walk at the Johnsons' Dragonfly Farms in Louisa County, on August 28. Seventy-nine attendees enjoyed an outdoor meal while Mr. Johnson provided a brief overview of Dragonfly Farms' forage and livestock operations and management. Following the meal, various speakers representing USDA-NRCS, Virginia Cooperative Extension, Thomas Jefferson SWCD, and Hanover-Caroline SWCD discussed different aspects of developing a forage-based beef production system to build an Angus cross cow-calf herd and provide grass-fed and finished, locally-produced beef.

“It was great food, great weather, great people and great to see and hear how Bruce and Catherine are developing a seasonally well-balanced grazing system at Dragonfly Farms,” said NRCS’s J.B. Daniel. “Remember,” he added, “if you are interested in finding out what assistance is available to you regarding planting novel-endophyte fescue, planting native warm season perennials or developing a grazing system, contact your local Conservation office (both NRCS and SWCD) and ask them soon.”

For more information contact:

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2019 VFGC Advanced Grazing School is October 2



Forage specialists from the NRCS, Virginia Cooperative Extension and West Virginia University will come together on October 2 to lead the 2019 Virginia Forage and Grassland Council Advanced Grazing School, to be held at the Caroline Fire Department and nearby Swallow Hill Farm. This school is designed for experienced managers seeking to better understand advanced forage management concepts and intensify their grazing management. Basic Grazing school or significant grazing experience are prerequisites for this school.

Attendees will learn to:

- Identify specific benchmarks for livestock on forage diets.
- Incorporate performance-enhancing forages into your system
- Use strategic supplementation to complement forage nutrition
- Better understand animal and plant physiology
- Allocate forages to maximize intake and economic return

For more information and to register, visit <https://vaforages.org/event/2019-vfgc-advanced-grazing-school/>



THE MEADOW EVENT PARK

Sept. 27—Oct. 6

The Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD), the state association to which all local SWCDs belong, will have an exhibit in the Natural Resources Area at the fair. This year's theme is "Celebrate Soils". Stop by and visit us, along with many other state agencies. See what we do to care for our wildlife, land, water, aquatic life and forests!

Check out the State Fair of Virginia website [here](#).

Middle James Roundtable **2019 Annual Meeting**

***“Restore. Explore. Reconnect.
The River is Closer Than You Think”***

October 17, 2019

Victory Hall Theatre

401 Valley Street, Scottsville, VA 230638

12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.

Come discover ways to enjoy our beautiful James River! Following the meeting there will be networking sessions at local venues in Scottsville. There is no cost for the meeting but registration is required and will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Parking is free. Please register by October 11 by clicking [here](#).

- *River of Revenue- Recreation, Scenic Rivers and the Local Economy*
- *Challenging Our Assumptions: Creating Change in Communities*
- *The Wildrock Way*

To find out more, please contact Lindy Durham at 501-5175 or dur24@henrico.us.

Soil and Water Conservation Society **2019 Virginia Chapter Annual Meeting**

“Local Food Production Means Sustainability”

October 28, 2019

Unity of Charlottesville

2825 Hydraulic Rd., Charlottesville, VA 22901

8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

This meeting explores how local food production in Virginia contributes to sustainability and improves the livelihoods of local producers. In addition to the topics listed below there will be a SWCD business meeting, a Virginia Chapter Awards Ceremony and a Local Food Hub Tour. To register, click [Here](#).

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
14th Annual Chesapeake Watershed Forum

“Better Together: Diverse and Innovative Collaborations for the Chesapeake Watershed,

November 15 – 17, 2019

National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV

This year’s sessions focus in eight different categories:

- *Organizational Development*
- *Science & Restoration*
- *Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion*
- *Communications and Outreach*
- *Innovative Collaborations*
- *Environmental Education*

More information can be found [here](#).



Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
Annual Meeting

December 8-10, 2019

The Norfolk Sheraton Waterside Hotel Norfolk VA

Find more information [here](#).



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