

THE SOIL SCOOP

UNION COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Calling High School Students: RCW

Resource Conservation Workshop

Union Soil & Water is now accepting applications
for the RCW.

Application Deadline

is

April 14, 2015

Application process is fast and easy!

Applications can be found at : http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW-For_Students.html

A weeklong workshop for **high school** students. Each Soil and Water District sponsors a student to attend. During the workshop students study and get hands on participation in a wide variety of conservation topics along with learning of natural resources and their management in todays environment. There are many awards and scholarships that can be won at the workshop. For more information contact us or visit this website: <http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/educational/RCW.html>

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SPRING 2015

Union County SWCD makes great efforts to provide technical, financial, and educational assistance to the citizens of Union County to promote the proper management of our natural resources.

4th Annual Pond Clinic

Saturday, April 18, 2015 9:00am-11:00am

Topics Include:

New Pond Construction
Electroshocking Demonstration
Fishery Management
Aquatic Pest Control
Pond Maintenance
Dry Hydrants for Fire Protection

Co- Sponsors:

Foster Lake & Pond Management
NC Wildlife Commission
Southern States- Monroe
Stanly Soil & Water Conservation District
Tractor Supply- Concord & Midland
Union Soil & Water Conservation District

Belk Scout Camp
9408 Belt Road
Midland, NC 28107

Sponsored by:

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Call 704.920.3300 for more details

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in Union County
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Contact our office
for more information.**

Visit us at:
<http://www.co.union.nc.us/Divisions/SoilWaterConservation.aspx>

**Available
Services:**

- *Natural Resource Best Management Practice Design and Support
- *Soil Interpretative Services
- *Nutrient Management
- *Natural Resource-Specific Mapping via GIS
- *Education and Technical Training
- *Soil and Water Resource Consultative Services

Southern Piedmont Envirothon

The warm morning of March 17th started out with presentations on Aquatics, Soils, Wildlife, Forestry, and Current Environmental Issues for the Middle School teams. Following the presentations, a quick lunch, including pizza and snacks, was served then tests that coincided with each presentation. After the tests were completed a short tour around Catawba's Environmental Center was given to show the wetlands and then the results were announced. The highest scoring team of the day was Davidson County's High Rock Hoots scoring 450 points. The morning of March 18th started out much cooler for the High School Southern Piedmont Envirothon. Students rotated around to each station presentation before the pizza lunch and then the tests. The highest scoring High School team was Cabarrus County's Cosmic Llamas from Cannon School weighing in at 455 points. The top 7 Middle and High School Southern Piedmont Envirothon Teams qualify for the State Envirothon!
Good luck Envirothon Teams!

ENVIROTHON TEAMS

**NC State Envirothon will be
April 24-25 at Cedarrock Park**



**SPE High School teams
anxious to receive their scores.**



**SPE
Soil Presentation**



**SPE Middle School teams awaiting the
morning presentations.**



Congratulations to Union County's BriAnna Vlach for receiving the award of Careers-In-Conservation Scholarship.

**North Carolina Foundation for
Soil & Water Conservation, Inc.**



This merit scholarship was awarded to BriAnna for the 2015-2016 school year for attendance at Western Carolina University. The purpose of the scholarship is to increase the number of college students from a North Carolina institution who are qualified for careers in natural resource conservation and other closely related fields that align with the mission of the local Soil and Water Conservation District.

EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

NRCS is in charge of this voluntary program that helps producers protect soil, water, air and other natural resources while ensuring sustainable production on your farm or working forest land. Applications received will be evaluated and ranked for funding assistance. The application deadlines for FY 2015 funding consideration are January 16, March 20, and May 15, 2015.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

(Every third Tuesday of
the month)
April 21, 2015
May 19, 2015
June 16, 2015
July 21, 2015

If you would like something published in the next newsletter contact Katie Anne McBryde with the Soil and Water Conservation District .

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Now you can access this newsletter and old newsletters anytime online
Just visit <http://www.co.union.nc.us/divisions/soilwaterconservation.aspx>

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SOIL SPOTLIGHT



MARTHA S. SMITH

Martie is the Executive Director of Union County Community Services and has held that title since the department was formed in July of 2013 and recently announced her upcoming retirement July of 2015. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, Martie has enjoyed the variety in her job, working with her divisions— Soil and Water Conservation, Cooperative Extension, Parks and Recreation, and the Public Library— that have brought her education and great pleasure. Martie admires dedication paired with brilliance and goodness. Consequently she admires Charles Dunevant, Kelly Liddington, Nina Meadows, and Jim Chaffin, the people at the helms of her divisions, as much as anyone else in the world. Martie attended public school in Charlottesville Virginia, received her BS from Longwood College, and received her MS in Library Science from the University of Kentucky. Martie never misses a Big Bang Theory show— it makes her LOL. Martie’s top three favorite dishes are Baked Ravioli, Linguini with Tomatoes, Bacon and Onion, and Spaghetti alla Carbonara. In her spare time Martie enjoys playing Bridge, Bocce, going to baseball games, reading, watching movies, and playing word games. Martie has always seized opportunities as they arose, as opposed to having a specific dream, this approach has given lots of satisfaction and no regrets. After retirement, Martie wants to become more active in Scottie Rescue, to visit distant friends and family, to play more games, and develop her creative skills all while searching for her hidden talent! Thank you Martie for being a huge part of the department and Soil and Water Conservation.

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES BMP'S IN ACTION



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Charles Dunevant— Union SWCD, District Manager

Katie Anne McBryde— Union SWCD, Conservation Education Specialist

Shauntae Britt— USDA NRCS, District Conservationist

Richard (Rick) Pigg— USDA NRCS, Conservation Engineering Assistant