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Calendar

- June 10 KET broadcast of *Cumberland Kids on the Bay*, 5 a.m. ET
- June 12 WYMT broadcast of *2006 PRIDE Envi Awards*, 7 p.m. ET
- June 13 KET broadcast of *2006 PRIDE Envi Awards*, 8 p.m. ET
- June 16 Spring Cleanup score sheets due
- June 26 Regional Wetland Restoration Institute applications due

PRIDE Volunteers of the Month

January

Albert Hale, Laurel County

February

Cory Gearlds, Monroe County

March

Roderick Couch, Leslie County

April

Senture Employees, Laurel County

Environmental Education Projects of the Month

January

South Laurel Middle School's recycled notepads

February

Botts Elementary School's "Butt Block" (Menifee County)

March

St. Camillus Academy's animal tracking station (Knox County)

April

Central Elementary School's "Take PRIDE in Our Community" (Johnson County)

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2006 Envi Awards honor volunteers, schools, leaders

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE recognized exceptional contributions to the environment of southern and eastern Kentucky at the PRIDE Envi Awards on May 8 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Seven awards were presented to schools, volunteers and leaders from Adair, Floyd, Johnson, Laurel, Letcher, McCreary and Whitley Counties.

Prestonsburg Elementary School was named the Elementary School Campus of the Year for promoting hands-on environmental education activities with an outdoor classroom, wetland, rain garden, butterfly garden, vegetable garden and school-wide recycling.

North Laurel Middle School earned the Middle School Campus of the Year Award for its expansive outdoor classroom projects, aquaculture studies, mentoring program, school-wide recycling program and participation in local cleanups.

Letcher County Central High School was recognized as the High School Campus of the Year for its unique courses that combine science, community service and public policy by challenging students to research environmental issues and then recommend possible solutions.

The **McCreary County Extension Service** took home the College/Community Project of the Year Award for raising awareness of bird habitat through an annual bird house construction project with the county's fifth-grade students, scouts, and child and adult day-care centers.

The **Kiwanis Club of Paintsville** earned the Tony Turner Volunteer of the Year Award for its environmental cleanup and education efforts, such as coordinating the Paintsville Lake Cleanup, and maintaining a handicap-accessible fishing pier and walking trail at the lake.

A.L. Sinclair, Adair County Solid Waste Coordinator, was honored with the Rogers-Bickford Environmental Leadership Award for implementing a variety of cleanup activities, establishing a strong PRIDE presence in local schools and inspiring others to care for the environment.

Penny and Robert Brown of Corbin received the Kentucky PRIDE Award for their contribution to the future of environmental education through a land gift for the development of Riverwoods, the PRIDE Environmental Education Center, which is now in the planning stage.

"I congratulate our Envi Award finalists and winners," said Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5), PRIDE co-founder. "You earned special recognition because you improved our environment this year. You should take great pride in knowing that you made a difference. I certainly am proud of you."

Rogers continued, "The Envi Awards honor the people who went an extra mile for PRIDE this year, but there are literally thousands of additional volunteers, community leaders and students who are paving the way to a cleaner, healthier future. I thank you all."

In addition to Rogers, other special guests at the Envi Awards were Cynthia Rogers; Jill Crawford, daughter of PRIDE co-founder, the late James E. Bickford; and Geraldine and Courtney Turner, the widow and daughter of Tony Turner, who was the Vice President and Station Manager at WYMT-TV and founding chairman of the PRIDE Board of Directors. The ceremony featured entertainment by Carl Hurley, the Harlan Boys Choir, Alison Wasson and Shady Grove Express, Shefton Kash, and Brittany Moore.



After presenting the Tony Turner Volunteer of the Year Award, Neil Middleton, Geraldine Turner and Courtney Turner listened to the acceptance speech by Bruce Aaron Davis, president of the Kiwanis Club of Paintsville. Photo by Nancy Phelps.

Visit www.kypride.org for:

- List of Envi Award finalists
- Photos from the event
- Video clips from the TV broadcasts (after June 13)

2006 PRIDE Board of Directors

The PRIDE Board of Directors held its annual meeting Jan. 30 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. The board consists of an executive committee and local PRIDE Coordinators.

PRIDE Executive Committee

The PRIDE Executive Committee meets monthly to establish guidelines for PRIDE programs, reviews applications for PRIDE grant programs and approves the organization's budget. The committee has nine members, who are volunteers.

The 2006 PRIDE Executive Committee officers are:

- **Chair** — Jean Dorton, Community and Legislative Liaison for the Big Sandy Community and Technical College.
- **Vice Chair** — Maurice Moore, Pulaski County PRIDE Co-Coordinator.
- **Treasurer** — A.L. Sinclair, Adair County Solid Waste Coordinator.
- **Secretary** — Sandy Gay, Program Coordinator for the Lee and Owsley County Conservation Districts.

The remaining executive committee members are Jane Eller, Kentucky Environmental Education Council; Neil Middleton, WYMT-TV; Bob Mitchell, Office of Congressman Hal Rogers; Commissioner Steven Robertson, Governor's Office for Local Development; and Mark York, Kentucky Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet.



Local PRIDE Coordinators

PRIDE Coordinators are volunteers who work with the PRIDE staff to schedule cleanup activities, recruit volunteers and track cleanup results in their communities. They assist local officials with the PRIDE programs, including applying for grants.

PRIDE invites the region's mayors and county judge/executives to appoint PRIDE Coordinators. Nonprofit organizations that receive PRIDE grants also can appoint coordinators. Coordinators serve at the discretion of their appointing official or organization.

The 2006 PRIDE Coordinators are listed below.

Adair Co.	A.L. Sinclair, 270/384-3146, and Lisa Lee, 270/384-4703
Columbia	Carolyn Edwards, 270/384-2501
Bath Co.	Ray Ellis, 606/674-8297
Bell Co.	John O'Boyle, 606/337-3076
Pineville	Ina Robbins, 606/337-2958
Breathitt Co.	Calvin Saum II, 606/666-3818
Casey Co.	Jeffrey Thomas, 606/787-4359
Liberty	Mayor Steve Sweeney, 606/787-9973
Clay Co.	Joe Swafford, 606/598-1754
Clinton Co.	Tuesday Davis, 606/387-5234
Cumberland Co.	Judge/Executive Tim Hicks, 270/864-3444
Floyd Co.	Marie Martin-Holbrook, 606/886-9193
Prestonsburg	Brent Graden, 606/886-2335
Wayland	Tommy Robinson, 606/358-2316
Green Co.	Ronny G. Milby, 270/932-4024
Harlan Co.	Lonnie Saylor, 606/573-3219 ext. 15
Harlan	Elizabeth Powell, 606/573-7698
Loyall	Mayor Charlie Wattenberger, 606/573-6396
Tri-Cities	Christi Lewis-Yercine, 606/589-5151
Jackson Co.	Barry Spivey, 606/287-7688
Johnson Co.	Lillian Wheeler, 606/789-2550
Knott Co.	Roger Hicks, 606/785-4115
Knox Co.	Ronnie Sizemore, 606/546-2567
Laurel Co.	Jim McDaniel and Missy Moore, 606/878-6845
London	Steve Edge, 606/864-5521
Lawrence Co.	Dennis Marcum, 606/638-4102
Louisa	Mayor Teddy Preston, 606/638-4050
Lee Co.	Neeley Back, 606/464-4126, and Sandy Gay, 606/464-8480
Leslie Co.	Ronnie Melton, 606/279-4567
Hyden	Angela Muncy, 606/672-2300
Letcher Co.	Josh Wampler, 606/633-9461
Fleming-Neon	David Vanover, 606/855-7900

Magoffin Co.	Kevin Whitaker, 606/349-2313
Martin Co.	Mike Crum, 606/298-2800
Inez	Susan Moore and Mitchell Williamson, 606/298-4602
Warfield	Jerry Patrick, 606/395-6423
McCreary Co.	Linda Babb, 606/376-2556
Menifee Co.	Kelly Adams, 606/768-3356, and Jenny Adams and Martie Ferrell, 606/768-3482
Metcalfe Co.	Debi King, 270/432-7270
Edmonton	Dawn Devore, 270/432-2811
Monroe Co.	Sheryl Conkin, 270/487-5505
Tompkinsville	Tom Baker, 270/487-6776
Morgan Co.	Linda Rose, 606/743-7817
Owsley Co.	Ronnie Callahan, 606/593-6800
Perry Co.	Rosa Couch, 606/439-0149, and Tony Lewis, 606/436-4513
Hazard	Charlie Hammonds, 606/436-3171, and Tammi Gorman, 606/439-0329
Pike Co.	Jimmy Dale Sanders, 606/631-0902
ARCHEI	Rodney Potter, 606/754-9985
Pulaski Co.	Maurice Moore, 606/677-0185, and Gerald Hines, 606/677-0320
Burnside	Cecil Goff, Jr., 606/561-4113
Lake Cumberland	Judy Daulton, 606/679-6337
Rockcastle Co.	James Renner, 606/256-1902
Livingston	Katha Carpenter, 606/453-3937
Mt. Vernon	Wayne Bullock, 606/256-0344
Rowan Co.	Miranda Watson, 606/784-6345
Morehead St. U.	April Haight, 606/783-5268
Russell Co.	H.M. Bottom, 270/866-5197
Taylor Co.	Jeffrey Schuhmann, 270/465-9636
Wayne Co.	Andrew Parmley, 606/348-8522
Whitley Co.	Judy Brimm, 606/549-6000
WC Schools	Joe Bailey, 606/549-7001 ext. 2913
Wolfe Co.	Carlton Lacy, 606/668-7811

2005 Roadside PRIDE: 12,000+ volunteers participated

More than 12,000 volunteers helped their communities compete in the third annual "Roadside PRIDE" campaign in October 2005. In one month, 12,275 volunteers in southern and eastern Kentucky removed 38,990 bags of trash from the region's roadsides, along with 2,151 old tires and 1,130 junk appliances.

Congressman Hal Rogers announced the region-wide cleanup totals at the Roadside PRIDE Awards ceremony Jan. 30 at The Center for Rural Development in Somerset. He presented trophies to the communities that won the friendly competition to recruit volunteers and pick up roadside litter.

In the table to the right, the Roadside PRIDE Award winners are listed by population-based class, with Class 1 being for the smallest populations. The City of Mt. Vernon was the only community to take home a third consecutive 1st Place trophy.

The Southern and Eastern Kentucky Tourism Development Association (SEKTDA), a nonprofit organization that promotes tourism in the region, sponsored cash awards for the county and city that cleaned the most miles within one of the region's three National Scenic Byways. Pike County earned the \$1,000 award

2005 Roadside PRIDE Awards

Class	Counties		Cities	
	1st Place	2nd Place	1st Place	2nd Place
1	Owsley	Wolfe	Livingston	Salt Lick
2	Adair	Morgan	Loyall	Lynch
3	Johnson	Perry	Mt. Vernon	Cumberland
4	Laurel	Pulaski	Pikeville	London
SEKTDA Scenic Byway Award: Pike County			SEKTDA Scenic Byway Award: City of London	

by cleaning 42 miles along U.S. 23, which is the Country Music Highway. The City of London earned \$1,000 for cleaning 28 miles of U.S. 25, part of the Wilderness Road Heritage Highway.

Eastern Kentucky PRIDE sponsored the friendly Roadside PRIDE competition, provided cleanup supplies for the volunteers and reimbursed local governments for their trash disposal expenses. Local PRIDE Coordinators recruited the volunteers.

2006 PRIDE SuperGrant Awards

Grant recipient	Location of illegal dump to be cleaned	Grant amount
Bell Co. Fiscal Court	Henry Bowlin Gap	\$100,000
Breathitt Co. Fiscal Court	Fishtrap Mountain	\$150,000
Green Co. Fiscal Court	Gabe-Webb Road	\$107,500
Jackson Co. Fiscal Court	Lower Dry Fork	\$100,000
Knox Co. Fiscal Court	Mill Branch	\$85,000
Lee Co. Fiscal Court	Derrick Ridge Cliff	\$110,000
Leslie Co. Fiscal Court	Causey Road	\$80,000
Perry Co. Fiscal Court	Bee Hive	\$150,000
Pulaski Co. Solid Waste Board	Highway 328	\$70,300
Rockcastle Co. Fiscal Court	Burnt Ridge Road	\$150,000
Wolfe Co. Fiscal Court	Parks Road	\$90,000

2006 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 531 Awards

Award recipient	Project description	Award amount
Kentucky Mountain Holiness Association (Breathitt Co.)	Install a packaged wastewater treatment plant at Mount Carmel Schools	\$300,000
City of Manchester	Install a packaged wastewater treatment plant at Chad's Hope Center	\$169,500
Jackson Co. Public School System	Build an innovative wetland sewage treatment system at Tyner Elementary School	\$200,250
City of Hyden	Design a sewer line extension project to the Hurts, Muncy and Rockhouse Creek areas	\$187,500
City of West Liberty	Extend sewer lines to the new West Liberty Elementary School and surrounding homes	\$198,750
Mountain Water District (Pike Co.)	Design a sewer line extension project to the Forest Hills area	\$78,193



The City of Harlan broke ground Feb. 27 on a \$1.4 million construction project to extend sewer service to the Sunshine community, which sits on the Martin Fork of the Cumberland River. The project will connect about 300 homes, many of which used failing septic systems or sent sewage directly into the river, to the Harlan Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant by mid-summer. Harlan Mayor Daniel Howard hosted the ceremony, and the speakers were Congressman Hal Rogers, State Director of Rural Development Kenneth Slone, and Sunshine resident Katherine Childs, who is in the photo above. Photo by Melissa Allen.



The City of Burnside recently began building its first sewer system. By Spring 2007, the \$6.4 million project will connect 257 Burnside homes and businesses to Somerset's wastewater treatment plant. Burnside Mayor Dean E. Lovins (on right in photo above) hosted a groundbreaking ceremony March 13 at Burnside Elementary. Fourth-graders in the school's PRIDE Club attended. The speakers were Congressman Hal Rogers (second from right), Vernon Brown of USDA Rural Development (second from left), Lt. Col. Steven Roemhildt of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet Deputy Secretary John Clay.

First annual Regional Wetland Restoration Institute

Scholarships available for participants from PRIDE service area

By Tom Biebighauser, USDA Forest Service

You are invited to attend the first annual Regional Wetland Restoration Institute this fall. The institute will be held Sept. 10-15, 2006, at the Four Seasons Christian Center in Bath County, near Olympia Springs and surrounded by the Daniel Boone National Forest.

The institute will be the first of its kind in the nation. Eastern Kentucky PRIDE, the University of Kentucky and other government agencies are organizing the event. It will be modeled after the highly successful Wetland Institute, which is hosted bi-annually by the British Columbia Wildlife Federation in Canada.

The Regional Wetland Restoration Institute is designed for people working at government agencies and nonprofit organizations that want to initiate and advance a wetland restoration program. Participants will examine all facets of wetland management, from identifying destroyed wetlands (even if they were drained hundreds of years ago) to participating in wetland construction projects that benefit endangered species, shorebirds, waterfowl and environmental education. Instructors will work one-on-one with participants to develop the skills needed for designing and restoring wetlands on the landscape.

The registration fee of \$300 per person includes the cost of lodging at the Four Seasons Christian Center (with two people per room), three meals a day, transportation while at the Institute, and brochures and books. Full scholarships are available to participants whose work area includes at least one of the 38 counties served by Eastern Kentucky PRIDE.

Applications due June 26

The class size will be limited to maintain a low instructor to student ratio. Participants will be selected from applications submitted by June 26.

Applications, as well as an agenda, can be printed at www.kypride.org or requested by calling the PRIDE office, toll free, at 888/577-4339. The application includes information about the Eastern Kentucky PRIDE scholarships.

For more information about the Regional Wetland Restoration Institute, please contact Anna Hoover with the University of Kentucky's Tracy Farmer Center for the Environment at aghoov2@uky.edu or 859/257-8637.



Photo: This wetland in the Daniel Boone National Forest is one of many restored by the nonprofit Sheltoewe Environmental Education Coalition with a variety of funding sources, including PRIDE Community Grants.

A wetland is an area of shallow water that is full of life. A healthy wetland is home to a wide variety of wildlife — including natural predators of mosquitoes, such as salamander larvae, dragonflies and bats. Wetlands can reduce flooding by acting like giant sponges that store and slowly release water. Once common in Kentucky, most wetlands were drained to make space for farming and development.

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- 1. Improve water quality.*
- 2. Clean up illegal dumps and other solid waste problems.*
- 3. Promote environmental education and awareness.*

