

Planting to prevent erosion

Free workshop to be held this Friday



Phillip Moore and Bill Trotter finish planting a button-bush at the water's edge at 2006 workshop.

Have you ever wondered about the best way to prevent erosion of your streambank or shoreline? How about simply doing your part to improve and protect water quality as a stream or lakeside landowner? On Friday, April 20th the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition and TVA's Environmental Stewardship program will host a free hands-on workshop at the Clay County Recreation Park on Lake Chatuge. Workshop participants will learn about the eight benefits of maintaining native vegetation along streams and lake shorelines while helping to plant native grasses, flowers, shrubs, and trees. The workshop will begin at 9:00am and end around noon when all the planting is complete. The Clay County Rec Park is near Hayesville, NC off of Myers Chapel Road. Myers Chapel can be accessed from both Hwy. 69 near the NC/GA state line and U.S. 64 East just outside of Hayesville. No registration is necessary; bottled water and snacks will be provided. Bring a pair of gloves and a shovel, if you have one. Come help restore native vegetation to a portion of Lake Chatuge's shoreline! If you have questions, contact the Coalition by calling 837-5414 in NC or toll-free: 877-863-7388. We also welcome you to visit our website: <http://www.hrwc.net> <<http://www.hrwc.net>> . April 27 is a scheduled rain date.

New location for Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition



The Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition held a ribbon cutting at its new location in the Peachtree Community. Celebrating the opening of the new office, from left, are Cherokee County Chamber executive director Sande Kimball, HRWC executive director Callie Moore, HRWC board member Jim Carringer, county manager and chamber board member David Badger, HRWC board member Silas Allen, chamber board member Paul Worley, and chamber ambassadors Rod Springer and David Brown. The coalition is a nonprofit organization that strives to facilitate water quality improvement throughout the upper Hiwassee River watershed, across political boundaries, while honoring local initiatives. For the past 12 years, the coalition has been working to stop erosion of land and streambanks, monitor water quality in streams and lakes, and educate people about how to protect watersheds in the future. The HRWC has a variety of volunteer opportunities, and the director is available to speak to civic organizations or school classes of just about any age. The new headquarters is next to the Peachtree Farm and Home Supply, across from Peachtree Elementary School. For more information, call 828.837.5414



2006 workshop participants planted a stretch of shoreline at the Ledford's Chapel boat ramp on Lake Chatuge.

Dental clinic held at Truett Camp

Dentists provide free dental care for local folks who are financially strapped

Thanks to the efforts of the Truett Baptist Association, the Clay County Health Department, Community in Schools and Hayesville HOSA Students who worked in conjunction with several local dentists and several who came in from other areas, almost 200 Clay and Cherokee residents received free dental

work last Friday and Saturday. The event took place at the Truett Baptist camp gym, where 15 portable chairs were set up and local dentists Dr. Dovin, Dr. Regan and Dr. Bud Garrison volunteered their services to help residents who do not have dental insurance and perhaps not the financial means to pay for dental care. Also assisting in the dental clinic were Dr.'s Taylor, Miller and Courtney Davis who came to the county to participate in the free clinic, which is the brainchild of Dr. Slott from Burlington, North Carolina. Dr. Slott is the founder of Open Door Dental Clinic of Alamance County, North Carolina. He participates not only in free dental clinics in his home county, but also does

seven to ten free clinics a year throughout the state. According to Teresa Waldroup, Clay County Community in Schools Coordinator, this is the second year the clinic has been held at the Truett Camp. "The clinic served adults from all ages: 18 to folks in their 80's she said. "The clinic was held from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on both days," she said. "Waldroup said meals and other amenities were provided to the dentists and other volunteers by local churches. "This clinic is a wonderful thing for our county," Waldroup said. "It was estimated that about \$68,000 worth of dental care was provided to the residents of Clay and Cherokee counties.



Dentists team up to provide first rate care for dental patients at the Truett gym.



Local student HOSA volunteers pitch in to provide a helping hand.



Dr. Courtney Davis at work on a dental patient.