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Locality Pittsylvania County

Program Title Establishment of Beautification Committee

Program Category Environmental

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Signature\* *William D. Sleeper*

\*Entries without this signature will not be accepted.

## **Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee**

### **VACo Achievement Award Entry - Environmental Category 2012**

#### **Overview**

- January 2012 - Problem identified: Roadways, intersections and medians in Pittsylvania County were overcome with litter.
- Challenges: Educating the public about litter control; encourage cooperation among government, community and business leaders; attract businesses to the locality by showing pride in a clean community
- February 6, 2012 - The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors Establishes Beautification Committee comprised of seven citizens , one appointment from each Magisterial District
- March 20, 2012 - Beautification Committee meets – establishes goals, plans first annual county-wide clean-up effort in conjunction with “Earth Day”
- Committee partners with (1) Pittsylvania County’s Grants Administrator/ State of Virginia Litter Control Grants, (2) Danville-Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, (3) Pittsylvania County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, (4) Pittsylvania County Sheriff’s Department, (5) Pittsylvania County Bar Association, and (6) Pittsylvania County School Division, in the forming of “STOP Litter” (Students Taking on Pittsylvania County Litter) – establishes monetary awards to high school clubs participating in clean-up efforts
- April 21, 2012 - Successful First Annual County-Wide Clean-up held
- Local media covered clean-up efforts with tremendous photo coverage of participating individuals, civic organizations, school clubs and churches
- May 2012 - High School Clubs presented with first “STOP Litter” monetary awards

## Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee

Recognizing that the roadways, medians, and intersections of Pittsylvania County were overbearing with litter, newly elected Supervisor Brenda Bowman was concerned that the county she loved was unpleasing to the eye.

Having served on a Beautification Committee in another county, she immediately began to put into action a similar program to help spruce up Pittsylvania County.

At the February 6, 2012 board meeting, a Proclamation was adopted designating April 21, 2012, as Pittsylvania County's "Earth Day" and a citizen, Hershel Stone, came forth and volunteered to spear-head the first "Annual County-wide Clean-Up." He knew that the agenda included a proposal to form a Beautification Committee and he volunteered to work with the new committee, if approved, to organize the clean-up. Mr. Stone remarked:

*"When people and business owners make decisions to come to a locality, they look at many variables. There is little that the average citizen can do to attract business to our community, but we can work to keep our road sides clean so that when businesses are looking at our community, they see a cleaner area, and a community that the citizens take pride in."*

After Mr. Stone's presentation, Mrs. Bowman provided the below talking points:

Talking Points for establishment of

### **The Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee**

- The Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee (PCBC) would be a group of citizen volunteers who are to be appointed by and report to the Board of Supervisors. One



citizen appointment would be made from each of the seven districts in Pittsylvania County.

- The purpose of the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee is to “promote a cleaner, more attractive Pittsylvania County and increase awareness of environmental issues among Pittsylvania County citizens.” To accomplish these goals, the Beautification Committee will conduct and/or support several programs throughout each year.
- The PCBC will promote recycling, litter control, beautification, and educational programs aimed at creating a cleaner, more attractive and environmentally sound County community. Programs encouraging litter removal, placement of anti-litter signs, litter containers and litter waysides are also promoted. The Committee will conduct award and recognition programs for individuals, businesses, schools, and organizations, advancing the Committee's goals. Members will promote the preservation of the environment and beautification projects throughout the County.

The below items are just some suggestions for consideration by the committee as they organize and establish their own guidelines and goals:

1. Organize an **annual county-wide clean-up day** in conjunction with Earth Week in April of each year, by working with local civic organizations, schools, churches, scout troops, etc.
2. **Clean Business Awards** - The PCBC recognizes those businesses who make significant efforts to improve the cleanliness and general appearance of their location, as well as those who consistently maintain a clean, highly attractive site. One business is selected

quarterly from each of seven districts in the County. Business owners or managers receive a plaque at a Board of Supervisors meeting and a Clean Business Award sign is placed in a conspicuous place at their business for the quarter.

3. **Neighborhood of the Quarter or Yard of the Quarter** - Establish guidelines for possible competition – Signage award to be placed in yard or at entry to neighborhood
4. **Tree Giveaways and Plantings** - Each year, in celebration of Earth Day and Arbor Day, the PCBC could give out tree seedlings. The committee could also provide flowers, such as daffodils, to be planted along Roads in the County. The Committee would purchase the bulbs, select the sites, and then work with VDOT to have them planted.
5. **Litter Control** - Litter control prevention and education has been a primary objective of the Beautification Committee since its inception. To this end, the PCBC supports and promotes the state Adopt A Highway program. Sponsored by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Adopt A Highway involves utilizing groups and individuals who agree to clean a 2-mile stretch of road quarterly over a two year period and recycle the litter collected whenever possible. A sign is prominently displayed along the highway crediting the organization that keeps it clean and litter-free. In addition, the Committee also promotes the County's own Adopt A Spot program for those who wish to maintain sites in the county other than the roadside.
6. **Beautiful Pittsylvania County Environmental Calendar** -Each year, the PCBC holds a calendar art contest to illustrate the County's Beautiful Pittsylvania County calendar that is mailed to each home. In addition to providing environmental education relating to County programs, the calendar has become a great source of information for County events, program schedules, and meetings.

7. **The Adopt a Spot Program** was created by the State's Recycling and Litter Prevention office as a supplement to Virginia's Adopt a Highway Program. Groups and/or individuals are encouraged to play active and ongoing roles in beautifying, cleaning and maintaining Pittsylvania County's public spaces, including creeks and storm drains. Adopt a Spot activities might include removing litter, graffiti and/or weeds, maintaining a storm drain, and/or other forms of general upkeep. In certain locations, special landscaping features such as grass, plants, and flowers may even be added if they meet with Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and/or property owner specifications. Similar to the popular "Adopt-A-Highway" program sponsored by VDOT, organizations and individuals receive public recognition of their work through the prominent display of a sign "on the spot".
8. The possible designation of a Beautification Coordinator, a County staff member, who would assist the committee with grant applications and serve as its liaison to the County. There is already a Grants Writer on staff who receives funds for litter prevention. Funding for activities could come from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality through the Litter Prevention and Recycling Grants Program, as well as other fundraising activities taken on by the Committee itself.
9. Citizens interested in serving on the PCBC should contact their supervisor .

After the above presentation, Mrs. Bowman made the following motion:

*"I move that the Board of Supervisors establish a "Beautification Committee" consisting of one (1) citizen appointed from each of the seven districts; said committee to consist of volunteers, with no stipend or reimbursement requirements; and said committee will work with the county's*



*litter control office, with the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Litter Prevention and Recycling Grants Program, with local civic organizations, and any other entities, to raise funds and apply for grants to promote recycling, litter control, beautification and educational programs aimed at creating a cleaner, more attractive and environmentally sound County community."*

**The board unanimously voted to establish the Beautification Committee and present their appointments at the next board meeting.**

At the February 21, 2012, Board of Supervisors Meeting, the following citizens were appointed to the first Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee:

Megan Evans, Tunstall District; Mollie Holmes, Banister District

Maurica Doss, Callands-Gretna District; Bobby Jones, Jr. – Chatham-Blairs District

Vicky Collie – Dan River District; Mary Ellen Forrest – Staunton River District

Grady Carrigan – Westover District

The committee held its organizational meeting on March 20, 2012, and decided that the first and main focus would be the county-wide cleanup scheduled for April 21, 2012, less than 5 weeks away. Mr. Dan Sleeper, County Administrator, designated Mrs. Linda Mills, Pittsylvania County's grants administrator, to be a liaison between the county and the committee. Mrs. Mills who administers litter grants received from the State of Virginia, provided safety vests and bags for the clean-up, through this partnership, as well as assist with administrative duties for the committee.

With the challenge of organizing a huge event in less than five weeks, the committee networked with schools, scout troops, churches, and civic organization to promote the event and

prepared flyers to be distributed throughout the county. The local newspapers, which had already covered stories about the newly formed Beautification Committee, included Public Service Announcements leading up to event. Banners were made and placed along Route 29 announcing the clean-up day.

An exciting collaboration was formed when the committee was contacted by David Grimes, Commonwealth Attorney for Pittsylvania County, and a representative of the Danville-Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce. Under the title of "STOP Litter" (Students Taking on Pittsylvania Litter), another partnership with the Beautification Committee began. The Chamber and local businesses offered to sponsor \$100 awards to a club in each of our four high schools who participated in the county-wide clean-up. The clean-up was approaching and was on the same weekend of high school proms, but one school participated on the clean-up weekend and another performed a clean-up at a later date. Laurie Moran, President of the Danville-Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce, along with the supervisors representing the school, presented the checks to the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Tunstall High School and to the JROTC of Dan River High School.

The clean-up weekend was very successful and groups are continuing with clean-ups. The local newspapers covered the clean-ups with many photos and articles, and the Board of Supervisors thanked those who cleaned up in a Letter to the Editor of the two local papers. Over 30 groups and more than 300 citizens participated, along with their supervisors and members of the Beautification Committee. The committee is so excited about the success of their first effort, and they have decided to have the clean-ups twice a year, in the spring and fall. The committee is also now looking at other projects as they move forward.



Below are comments from members of the Beautification Committee summarizing why they became involved:

Megan Evans, the Chairwoman of the Beautification Committee: *"My involvement with the Beautification Committee started when I inquired about recycling in Pittsylvania County, or the lack of. My New Year's Resolution for 2011 was to start recycling. We have a household of 4 to 6 people (including step-children who are with us on a scattered schedule). It was nothing for our home to fill two tall kitchen trash cans in two days. Gallons of milk, soft drinks, paper plates, cereal boxes, and cans filled up our bags in no time. When I thought of what a WASTE this was, I started a recycling center in our laundry room. We have gone from taking the trash out every other day to taking it out MAYBE once a week.*

*The sad part about the recycling center in my home is we have to drive over 20 miles to take our recycling off. This is because there are NO recycling drop-off locations in our County. After emailing the County about my concern, I was contacted by Mrs. Bowman to join her Beautification Committee. I accepted the invitation, and accepted the position as Chairwoman. We started our Committee off with a bang, and helped to plan a County-Wide Clean-up Day. This event was very successful, even with minimal time to plan and get the word out to the community. In our most recent meeting, we decided to have clean up days more often. We have also decided to start promoting the recycling our county does offer (newsprint and cans).*

*Another idea the committee came up with is to start putting dirty "facts" in local newspapers about the impact not recycling has on our landfills and environment.*

*All in all, I feel our committee has a GREAT future. We are a very energetic group of citizens with a great leader in Mrs. Bowman, and we are eager to make a difference in our County!"*

Committee member, Grady Carrigan states: *"I got involved because I was disgusted with so much litter being thrown out on our roads. When people lose their pride in their home, their community and their county, you see things & places deteriorate to the point they are no longer pleasant to be around or to enjoy. The clean-up was a success. We will continue to improve the program by encouraging more churches, scouts, schools, businesses and individuals to become involved, and to keep the areas around and near their home clean with hope it sets the example for their neighbors and cleaning up will become contagious."*

Although the establishment of our committee and programs are not new to other localities throughout the state, it is new to Pittsylvania County. We feel we have met the criteria for the VACo Achievement Award in the environmental Category. The Board of Supervisors recognized the problem of litter in the county and decided to do something about it by establishing a Beautification Committee made up of concerned citizens, who in turn worked in cooperation with the county administrator's office, the grants administrator's office, the Chamber of Commerce, the local newspapers, and businesses throughout the community. Although in our infancy, we hope to be a model for other local governments and that we have provided tools for their success as well.

Respectfully submitted,

The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors  
Tim Barber, Chairman; James Snead, Vice Chairman; Coy Harville; Marshall Ecker;  
Jessie Barksdale; Jerry Hagerman; Brenda Bowman







## Earth Day clean-up plans being made

County committee seeks volunteers to help with work

From staff reports

CHATHAM — Pittsylvania County's new beautification committee plans to hold its first countywide Earth Day cleanup on April 21.

Committee members are seeking volunteers for the event that will take place from 8 a.m. to noon that day.

Civic, church, scout and school groups and individuals are asked to choose a road, street, intersection or neighborhood to clean up in Pittsylvania County and let their committee representatives know of their participation.

Bags and vests are available by calling committee representatives or groups can supply their own. Groups are also asked to take digital photos of people involved in the event and submit them immediately after the clean-up to beautification committee chair Megan Evans or event chair Hershel Stone

at their email addresses.

Each group is asked to leave their bags on the roadside for the Virginia Department of Transportation to pick up or they can take them to the nearest county dumpsite.

Beautification committee representatives can be contacted. They are:

» Banister District, Mollie Holmes: mollie@mollieholmes.com, or (434) 432-9776

» Callands-Gretna District, Mauricca Doss: mdoss@ross-electric.com, or (434) 656-1297

» Chatham-Blairs District, Bobby Jones: rcj@chatmosscable.com, or (434) 836-3400

» Dan River District, Vicky Collie: (434) 822-6311

» Staunton River District, Mary Ellen Forrest: (434) 324-4544

» Tunstall District, Megan Evans: meganevans2008@gmail.com, or (434) 251-2612

» Westover District, Grady Carrigan: gcarrigan4095@comcast.net, or (434) 791-2947

» Countywide clean-up chairman Hershel Stone: hershelstone@yahoo.com, or (434) 836-4717

Comments made during "Hearing of Citizens" by Hershel Stone, February 6, 2012

I am here tonight to ask you to support a county wide clean-up on April 21st to coincide with Earth Day. Eighteen months ago, we moved to Pleasant Gap Dr. Alan Easley, who heads up an annual clean-up for our area, invited our family to help with the clean-up. We did and what a difference it made to the road sides. Most important, it made a great impression on my 2 children who helped with the clean-up. This made such a difference to the road side, I wondered why we can't do this countywide. It has almost been a year since the last clean up and Pleasant Gap is littered again and we are looking forward to the clean-up in a few months. Over the last 10 months I have been noticing the litter on other roads in Pittsylvania County. The more I looked the more there was. Every road I went on had litter. In many cases there is large amount of litter on our main roads and even within eyesight of our schools. As I drove around looking at the litter, I thought about what kind of impression we are giving potential businesses that might be looking to relocate to our county.

In my personal business I not only want to have a good investment to provide, but I want to have my tie on straight, my shoes polished, nice shirt, and a clean organized office. When people and business owners make decisions they look at many variables. The taxes, workers, schools, location, and I believe the cleanliness of our community. There is little that the average citizen can do to attract business to our community, but we can work to keep our road sides clean so that when businesses are looking at our community they see a cleaner area.

I spoke with Brenda Bowman about this idea and I was very pleased to hear she was already thinking about a beautification committee. This is a great idea and I hope the board will support her proposal. This committee could help support and help promote an annual clean-up. They could also brainstorm ideas to help promote a cleaner area and prevention of litter. There are many people that see the need to promote a cleaner area. I have spoken to many citizens and everyone has been positive. I spoke with the boy scouts and they agreed to have troops out cleaning on the 21<sup>st</sup> of April. The local boy scouts executive, Bill Oswald, even




went to the city of Danville and they will be cleaning up in the city on April 21<sup>st</sup> also.

In closing, I hope that each board member can promote this idea that both the north and south part of the county can benefit from. By citizens cleaning up our road sides we improve our environment, increase property value, get a little exercise, and most importantly improve the presentation of our community to potential businesses.



**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY  
Board of Supervisors**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b><u>AGENDA TITLE:</u></b> Proposed Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee	<b><u>AGENDA DATE:</u></b> 02-06-2012	<b><u>ITEM NUMBER:</u></b> 21
<b><u>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:</u></b> Development and Appointment of the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee	<b><u>ACTION:</u></b> Yes	<b><u>INFORMATION:</u></b>
<b><u>STAFF CONTACT(S):</u></b>  Mr. Sleeper	<b><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b> <b><u>ACTION:</u></b>	<b><u>INFORMATION:</u></b>
	<b><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u></b> No	
	<b><u>REVIEWED BY:</u></b>	

**BACKGROUND:**

The Honorable Brenda Bowman, Supervisors from the Chatham-Blairs District, has requested the Board of Supervisors to establish a Beautification Committee in Pittsylvania County consisting of one (1) citizen representative from each district.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Board of Supervisors must determine to develop this committee and make the necessary appointments, establish general guidelines concerning the committee, and whether they will be all volunteer or any reimbursement requirements established for this committee. They will have some large shoes to fill. Since 1983, Pittsylvania County has placed 1<sup>st</sup> in local government in the Keep Virginia Beautiful Program *ten (10) times!* Pittsylvania County Beautification and Litter Control came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Nation in the Keep America Beautiful Program *twice*- in 1999 and in 2004 in the category of local government. County programs were volunteers working with Linda Mills, Grants Administrator and the part-time County Litter Control Coordinator. People like F. Hollam Hurt and Blanch Crews pulled many local garden clubs and private beautification groups together to establish this legacy.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff submits this to the Board of Supervisors for their review, consideration and approval.

## Supervisor Bowman's Talking Points for discussion after Motion: Beautification Committee

February 6, 2012

- I'd first like to thank those who have worked in the past, and those who continue to work with clean-up efforts in Pittsylvania County, especially Linda Mills, Francis Hurt, Blanch Crews, and Virginia Andrews, who was a part-time County Litter Control Coordinator. Mrs. Andrews is now deceased. Through their efforts working with local garden clubs and the state "Keep Virginia Beautiful Program," Pittsylvania County has won numerous recognitions and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nation in the "Keep American Beautiful Program," once in 1999 and again in 2004. The establishment of a Beautification Committee will revive and enhance these previous efforts.
- As we move forward in an effort to bring businesses and families to settle in our area, it is important that we continue to seek ways in which we can show pride in our county, and enhance the appearance of our roads, businesses and homes.
- I realize that this effort may be a sensitive matter to some; after all, one's personal property is just that, and we are not trying to tell them how to maintain their own property. However, this initiative will make many citizens happy, and as we see others becoming engaged and cleaning up their property, hopefully it will become contagious.
- The committee will meet and establish their own guidelines and goals; suggested initiatives include an annual community-wide clean-up day, quarterly Clean Business Awards, Neighborhood or Yard of the Quarter, Adopt a Spot Program, environmental education programs to the schools, a student art contest for a county calendar.

- The committee would revisit our county ordinances; make suggestions for needed changes and enforcement.
- Citizens interested in serving on the committee should contact their supervisor and I am also requesting that the County Administrator post the application of interest form on our website.
- With that, I would like to make the following motion:

### Motion


#### Beautification Committee

I move that the Board of Supervisors establish a "Beautification Committee" consisting of one (1) citizen appointed from each of the seven districts; said committee to consist of volunteers, with no stipend or reimbursement requirements; and said committee will work with the county's litter control office, with the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Virginia Litter Prevention and Recycling Grants Program, with local civic organizations, and any other entities, to raise funds and apply for grants to promote recycling, litter control, beautification and educational programs aimed at creating a cleaner, more attractive and environmentally sound County community.



**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY**  
**Board of Supervisors**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

<b><u>AGENDA TITLE:</u></b> Proclamation for Earth Day	<b><u>AGENDA DATE:</u></b> 02-06-2012	<b><u>ITEM NUMBER:</u></b> 5(g)
<b><u>SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST:</u></b> Proclamation	<b><u>ACTION:</u></b> Yes	<b><u>INFORMATION:</u></b>
<b><u>STAFF CONTACT(S):</u></b> Mr. Sleeper	<b><u>CONSENT AGENDA:</u></b> <b><u>ACTION:</u></b> Yes	<b><u>INFORMATION:</u></b>
	<b><u>ATTACHMENTS:</u></b> Yes	
	<b><u>REVIEWED BY:</u></b>	

**BACKGROUND:**

The Honorable Brenda Bowman, Supervisors for the Chatham-Blairs District, has asked the Board consider approving a proclamation designating April 21, 2012 as Earth Day in Pittsylvania County citizen, along with boy & cub scouts, plans to speak to the Board under Hearing of the Citizens concerning local plans for Earth Day, April 21, 2012.

**DISCUSSION:**

Attached hereto, you will find a Proclamation for Earth Day, April 21, 2012.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The staff recommends to the Board of Supervisors to approve the attached Proclamation for Earth Day, 21, 2012 and authorize the County Administrator to notify the necessary news media.

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**PROCLAMATION**

**EARTH DAY**

**April 21, 2012**

*Whereas, the global community now faces extraordinary challenges such as environmental degradation, climate change, food and water shortages, and global health issues; and*

*Whereas, all people, regardless of race, gender, income, or geography, have a moral right to a healthy, sustainable environment; and*

*Whereas, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create positive environmental change to combat the aforementioned global challenges; and*

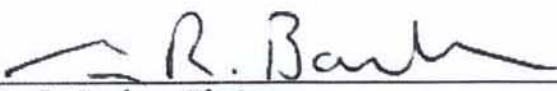
*Whereas, a sustainable environment can be achieved on the individual level through educational efforts, public policy, and consumer activism campaigns; and*

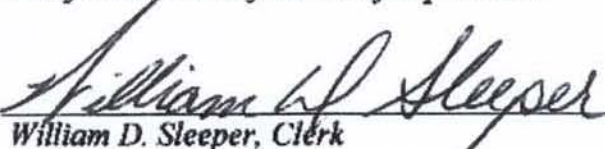
*Whereas, it is necessary to broaden and diversify the environmental movement to achieve maximum success; then*

*Now, Therefore, the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim April 21, 2012 as Earth Day throughout Pittsylvania County and pledge their support of environmental initiatives in Pittsylvania County and to encourage others to undertake similar actions.*

*Given under my hand this 6th day of February 2012.*



  
Tim R. Barber, Chairman  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

  
William D. Sleeper, Clerk  
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors



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March 6, 2012

Bobby Jones, Jr.  
805 Corn Tassel Road  
Danville, VA 24540


Dear Mr. Jones:

At the February 21, 2012 adjourned meeting of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, you were appointed to serve a one-year term on the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee as the Chatham-Blairs District Representative, with your term beginning March 1, 2012 and a term ending of February 28, 2013.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I would like to thank you for your willingness to serve the county in this capacity.

Your committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 5:30pm in the Captain Martin Building, located at 1 Center Street in Chatham, Virginia. Following your committee meeting, the Board of Supervisors asks that you briefly attend the Board of Supervisors meeting, which will begin at 7:00pm in the General District Courtroom of the Edwin R. Shields Courthouse Addition. As a one-time courtesy, a light supper will be provided at your committee meeting. If you should have any questions concerning this notification, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

  
William D. Sleeper  
County Administrator

WDS/rf

Cc: Honorable Members of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors



# Supervisor eyes a more beautiful county

**Bowman seeks to put together citizens' group to tackle beautification**

BY JOHN R. CRANE  
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A Pittsylvania County supervisor wants to see the county spruced up.

Chatham-Blairs Supervisor Brenda Bowman is proposing the development of a county beautification committee to address litter, recycling and other related issues.

The committee, if approved by the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, would include seven members — a resident from each of the county's seven

“When I was campaigning, [beautification] came up a lot. ... Driving around, I see a lot of areas that need to be cleaned up.”

— Brenda Bowman,  
Chatham-Blairs supervisor



magisterial districts. Supervisors would appoint a resident from their district to serve on the committee.

Bowman once served on York County's beautification committee and hopes to form a similar group in Pittsylvania County.

“When I was campaigning, that came up a lot,” said Bowman, who was elected to the

board in November.

Bowman said she hopes the committee would be formed before the end of the month. Its members would establish a mission, purpose and guidelines for the committee, which would coordinate with the county's grants administrator, who also serves as litter coordinator.

Bowman would like to see

a beautification program to include an annual Earth Day clean-up and monthly or quarterly recognition for residents and businesses for tidy, litter-free property. The county could also work with groups and volunteers to spruce up neighborhoods.

“Driving around, I see a lot of areas that need to be cleaned up,” Bowman said.

The county spends no money on litter control or beautification but receives a state litter control/beautification grant that funds the part-time grants administrator position, said Pittsylvania County Administrator Dan Sleeper. The money has been cut every year since 2007,

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Sleeper said.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Tim Barber said he supports the concept of forming the committee and getting residents involved in cleaning up the county to make it more attractive.

“I think the committee would be a good idea,” Barber said. However, the board will not have room in its budget to spend money for it, he said.

Staunton River Supervisor Marshall Ecker, who pushed the county to hire a part-time litter coordinator and bring the county's litter fines up to state levels, said he is glad the board has someone who supports cleaning up Pittsylvania County.

Dry Fork resident Hershel Stone said he aims to encourage citizens to set aside Saturday, April 21, as a day to clean up their properties in recognition of Earth Day, which is on April 22. Bowman and Stone hope the beautification committee would continue the tradition in subsequent years.

Stone said beautification is more than just cleaning up property and picking up trash along roads. It impacts economic development because businesses do not want to locate to an area that has litter, he said. All of Pittsylvania County can get behind improving its appearance.

“This is an issue the northern and southern parts of the county can relate to and both of them can support it,” Stone said.

An annual clean-up day held by Pleasant Gap Drive residents inspired Stone to try to establish a similar countywide occasion.

“Why can't the county do this as a whole?” Stone said.

Stone said he will present his proposal for the clean-up in honor of Earth Day during the board's regular meeting to be held at 7 p.m. Monday in Chatham.

Crane reports for the  
Danville Register & Bee.



# Hometown

## County forms beautification committee

By TIM DAVIS  
Star-Tribune Editor

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously Monday night to create a Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee.

The committee, the brainchild of Chatham-Blairs District Supervisor Brenda Bowman, will be composed of one volunteer from each district.

According to Bowman, the committee will spearhead litter cleanup and prevention, promote recycling, and organize beautification projects throughout the county.

Bowman said committee members will partner with civic organizations, schools, churches, scout troops, garden clubs, and other groups.

"The purpose of the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee is to promote a cleaner, more attractive county and increase

awareness of environmental issues among county citizens," she said.

One of the committee's first tasks will be a countywide cleanup day in conjunction with Earth Week in April.

Bowman said the committee may recognize businesses, sponsor neighborhood beautification awards, offer tree giveaways and plantings, and promote cleanup campaigns.

Staunton River District Supervisor Marshall Ecker, a longtime champion of cleaning up the county, seconded Bowman's motion.

"One thing we need to do is change the mindset of citizens. We need to educate people," said Ecker.

Citizens interested in volunteering for the beautification committee can contact their



Bowman

supervisor.

Westover District Supervisor Coy Harville already has a candidate.

The board is expected to make appointments later this month or in early March.

Supervisors include:

Brenda Bowman, Chatham-Blairs District, 724-4343;

Tim Barber, Tunstall District, 685-1680;  
Jerry Hagerman, Callands-Gretna District, 656-8246;

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# **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE**

## **Organization Meeting**

**Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2012**

**5:30 PM**

**Economic Development Office  
Conference Room**

**34 N. Main Street  
Chatham, Virginia**

## **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order – 5:30 PM
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda
4. New Business
  - (A) Organization of Committee
    - (1) Elect Chairman
    - (2) Elect Vice-Chairman
    - (3) Elect Secretary
    - (4) Establish meeting dates/times
5. Adjournment



# PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

## 2012

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## Beautification committee begins work

By TIM DAVIS

Star-Tribune Editor

The new Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee held its organizational meeting last Tuesday in Chatham.

The committee, suggested by Chatham-Blairs District Supervisor Brenda Bowman, was created in February and includes one volunteer from each district.

Members are Megan Evans of Dry Fork, Tunstall District; Grady Carrigan of Danville, Westover District; Mollie Holmes of Chatham, Banister District; Mauricca Doss of Gretna, Callands-Gretna District; Bobby Jones Jr. of Danville, Chatham-Blairs District; Vicky Collie of Ringgold, Dan River District; and Mary Ellen Forrest of Hurt, Staunton River District.

Evans, who was elected chairman of the committee, said the group hopes to team up with schools, churches, businesses, and non-profit organizations to raise awareness about litter cleanup and prevention.

"We realize the importance of having a clean county, and want to educate the public on how impor-



Tim Davis/Star-Tribune

The new Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee held its first meeting last Tuesday in Chatham. From left are Linda Mills, the county's grants administrator; County Administrator Dan Sleeper; beautification member Mollie Holmes; Hershel Stone, who will lead a countywide cleanup in April; beautification chairman Megan Evans; beautification member Bobby Jones Jr.; Chatham-Blairs District Supervisor Brenda Bowman; beautification member Mauricca Doss; and Banister District Supervisor Jessie Barksdale. Not pictured are beautification members Vicky Collie, Mary Ellen Forrest, and Grady Carrigan.

tant it is," she said.

The group also hopes to promote more recycling, the chairman added.

According to Bowman, the committee will spearhead litter cleanup and prevention, promote recycling, and organize beautification projects throughout the county.

Its first major project will

be a countywide cleanup on Saturday, April 21, in conjunction with Earth Day.

Hershel Stone, a Dry Fork resident who worked with Bowman to create the beautification committee, will chair the cleanup campaign.

Bowman said committee members will partner with civic organizations,

schools, churches, scout troops, garden clubs, and other groups.

"The purpose of the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee is to promote a cleaner, more attractive county and increase awareness of environmental issues among county citizens," said Bowman, who took office in January.



## County cleanup planned

One of the first undertakings of the newly formed Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee will be to organize and promote a countywide cleanup in conjunction with Earth Day on Saturday, April 21.

Hershel Stone will chair the event this year with the help of the new committee, which is expected to make the cleanup an annual event.

The cleanup will take place from 8 a.m. until noon.

Civic groups, church groups, scout troops, school groups, and individuals interested in participating are asked to choose a road, street, intersection, neighborhood in the county and let your representative on the Beautification Committee know of your participation.

Bags and vests are available by calling your representative or you can supply your own.

Groups are also asked to take digital photos of people involved in the activity and submit them immediately after the cleanup to Megan Evans or Hershel Stone at the emails below.

**Banister District**

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- Mauricca Doss  
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**Chatham-Blairs District**

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- 434-836-3400;

**Dan River District**

- Vicky Collie - 434-822-6311;  
**Staunton River District**  
- Mary Ellen Forrest - 434-324-4544;

**Tunstall District**

- Megan Evans -  
meganevans2008@gmail.com - 434-251-2612;

**Westover District**

- Grady Carrigan -  
gcarrigan4095@comcast.net - 434-791-2947;

**Countywide clean-up Chairman** - Hershel Stone  
- hershelstone@yahoo.com  
- 434-836-4717.



**APRIL 21, 2012**

## **COMMUNITY EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP**

Calling all residents, church groups, fire and rescue squads, sports teams, businesses, scout troops, school organizations, and community leaders!

*The newly formed Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee and the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors would like to invite you to participate in the Community Earth Day Clean-Up event on **SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012**. Gather your family and friends and spend a few hours helping to clean up the Earth and our community.*



If your group would like more information, please contact your Beautification Committee district representative:

Banister: Mollie Holmes (434) 432-9776

Callands-Gretna: Mauricca Doss (434) 656-1297

Chatham-Blairs: Bobby Jones, Jr. (434) 836-3400

Dan River: Vicky Collie (434) 822-6311

Staunton River: Mary Ellen Forrest (434) 324-4544

Tunstall: Megan Evans (434) 251-2612

Westover: Grady Carrigan (434) 791-2947

Event coordinator: Hershel Stone (434) 432-2122

\*All participants must comply with VDOT's Adopt-a-Highway Safety Guidelines; the guidelines can be found at: <http://www.viriniadot.org/programs/prog-aah-safety.asp>

# 2012 Community Earth Day Spill Out Air

Petting  
Zoo

Love our Planet  
StoryTime

Appearances by;  
Marlo the Magician  
Southside Pageant Winners  
Regional One  
The Smoke House  
The Litter Lady  
Smoky the Bear  
Buster the Bomb Dog  
The Church Sisters

  
Pedomethon  
Take Steps for  
Charity

Earth Day  
Awesomeness  
(Airbrush Tattoos and  
Face Painting)

Hourly  
Raffles



Exotic Pet Parade

Inflatables by  
King Kidz Fun Rental

Antique Car Show

**RECYCLE**

Concessions  
Bar-B-Q\*Bake Sale

The First Tee of Danville

Saturday, April 21, 2012

10a.m. - 2p.m.

Carlisle School—Chatham Campus  
956 Woodlawn Academy Road, Chatham

Lil' Kidz Zone

Carnival Games

Rock Climbing  
Wall



Recycle Me  
Art Contest



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# STOP Litter

## (Students Taking On Pittsylvania Litter)

A partnership of VDOT, Pittsylvania County School Students and Administration, Danville-Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce, the Pittsylvania County Sheriff's Office, and the Pittsylvania County Bar Association

Student organizations need financial support for many worthwhile projects. Pittsylvania County has thousands of miles of roads and, unfortunately, many of those miles are ugly with trash.

Many business leaders and working adults have little time to devote to cleaning and beautifying our County, but may be willing to invest in that effort.

This is one modest proposal to address all of the above: a cooperative effort initiated by the Pittsylvania County Bar Association, supported by Pittsylvania County Sheriff Mike Taylor, the Virginia Department of Transportation, the Danville-Pittsylvania Chamber of Commerce and, most important, the students and administrators of Pittsylvania County's four high schools.

Each of our four high school principals is invited to designate a list of qualified student organizations and to inform the leaders of those groups of this program.

Any such organization may then do the following:

1. Locate the most "needy" section of public highway in their school attendance district.

2. Submit a "bid" describing the exact location and length of highway the organization is willing to rid of litter; when they can do it; how much money they require to have donated for their efforts. VDOT requires one adult to accompany every six participants under the age of 18. This is not "Adopt a Highway": each bid will be for a one-time clean-up of a given location.

The Pittsylvania STOP Litter Committee\* will review all applications, giving priority to the worst and/or most visible sections of road, while seeking to fairly distribute available funding to the participating schools.

The Committee will try to link each bid with a business or person willing to sponsor that bid.

Once a bid is approved and sponsored, the clean-up will be scheduled. The Committee will obtain VDOT litter bags and vests and, hopefully, temporary signs to let the public know who is cleaning their needy highway and who is paying to have it cleaned. When the clean-up is complete, the sponsor will deliver the agreed donation. The student organization will be responsible for securing adult participants or supervisors and for timely removal of signs. Sheriff Mike Taylor will coordinate removal of litter bags.

Local news media will be fully informed and encouraged to recognize the students for their efforts and sponsors for their support.

This is a work in progress. Suggestions for improvement and invited.

Please contact David N. Grimes for further information: 434-432-7900;  
[david.grimes@pittgov.org](mailto:david.grimes@pittgov.org)

\* STOP Litter Committee

David N. Grimes

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Laurie Moran

Tim Davis



# Volunteers pitch in for cleanup

By SUSAN WORLEY  
Star-Tribune Staff Writer

Volunteers turned out across the county Saturday to pick up trash along roadways in conjunction with Earth Day.

Promoted by the newly formed Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee, Chatham-Blairs District Supervisor Brenda Bowman said she is very pleased with citizen participation in "Cleanup Day."

"It was exciting to see how the county came together," added Bowman.

Participating groups in cleanup so far have been Pleasant Gap community residents, Ross Electric, Boy Scout Troop 377, Chatham Rotary Club, Chatham First, Mount Olivet Church, Tunstall High School students, and supervisors Bowman, Marshal Ecker, James Snead and Jerry Hagerman.

Hershel Stone chaired the countywide cleanup this year with the help of committee members.

"We don't want people to think this was it," said Bowman. "I want to encourage this year round. We want people to continue cleaning up."



During Earth Week Joe Hasankulizade and his wife, Susan Paynter, collected 160 pounds of litter along the half mile loop of Moses Mill Road.



Volunteers from Life, Inc. participated in the countywide trash pick up for Earth Day. Pictured (L to R) are Deborah Gross, Allen Gross, Sue Poe, Byron Motley, Kay Patrick, Deborah Lovelace and Phillip Lovelace. Approximately five miles were picked up on Chalk Level Road, Ben Annie Road and Rockford School Road.



Collecting trash Saturday on Ringgold Church Road are (L to R) David Sparks, Larry Welborn and Peggy Welborn.



Staunton River District Supervisor Marshall Ecker picks up trash in his district Saturday in observance of Earth Day.





Dan River District Supervisor James Snead picks up trash Saturday during the countywide cleanup.



Mount Olivet United Methodist Church volunteers clean part of Mount Cross Road Saturday as the countywide cleanup recognized Earth Day. Pictured are (front, L to R) Mary Clark, Lindsay Vaughan, (back, L to R) Pastor Jim Stevens, Marty Eanes, Linda Thomasson, Jeremy Eanes, J.W. Thomasson, Brenda Bowman, Glenn Dillion, Dann Dillion, Wayne Asworth and Lib Ashworth. Not pictured is Bobby Jones.



Chatham First members (L to R) Betty Camp, Mary Lee Black, Bill Black, Wanda Gammon and Susan Paynter weeded and picked up litter on the Main Street Island in Chatham. During the week of Earth Day, Chatham First member Katie Whitehead (not pictured) worked in the Tightsqueeze area. She collected eight brown paper grocery bags of recyclable bottles and cans and the equivalent of two large orange VDOT-type garbage bags of trash.



Susan Paynter of Chatham First helped pick up 160 pounds of litter from a half-mile section of Moses Mill Road in Chatham.



# Volunteers pick up trash in Gretna

By SUSAN WORLEY  
Star-Tribune Staff Writer

GRETNA — Ross Electric Inc. employees were joined by Callands-Gretna Supervisor Jerry Hagerman Tuesday to begin cleanup and beautification of the Callands-Gretna District.

Volunteers picked up trash along Pittsville Road west of Gretna.

As the Callands-Gretna District member on the Pittsylvania Beautification Committee, Ross employee Maurrica Doss said the effort was an early kick-off of Earth Month.

"Ross Electric was kind enough to volunteer to be the first business or entity to do so," said Doss. "We hope other businesses and organizations will be inspired by this noble gesture and follow suit."

"The most interesting part about this project is that ordinary citizens, not the government, have an opportunity to improve their situation."

"There are no regulations or finance committees to deal with, just regular people out doing wonderful things for themselves and the community and having a



Picking up trash on Pittsville Road are Callands-Gretna Supervisor Jerry Hagerman and Ross Electric Inc. employees Doug Tones, Maurrica Doss, Kelly Runyon, J.D. Martin, Jay Cochran and Josh Hutcherson.

good time doing it," she added.

Ross Electric hosted a cookout for its employees who participated in the cleanup project.

"Hard work with a real accomplishment and ending with a good time, what is better than

that?" said Doss.

"There are many other projects we would like to accomplish, but without the help of the citizenry, it won't happen."

She said the county will kick-off Earth Month April 21.

Businesses, organizations, clubs or churches that wish to be involved in county beautification can contact Maurrica Doss at 656-8133, 434-441-0211 or [mdoss@ross-electric.com](mailto:mdoss@ross-electric.com).



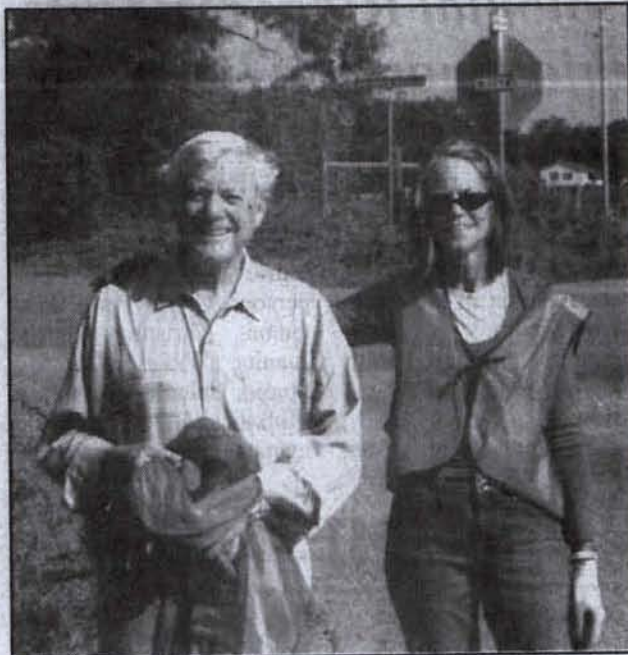


## Cub scouts, volunteers pick up trash

Cub Scout Pack 386 of New Testament Baptist Church on Iris Lane and volunteers recently picked up litter on Mill Creek Road and Walnut Creek Road in the Westover District. A group of 35, including cub scouts, parents, Westover District Supervisor Coy Harville, Chatham-Blairs District Supervisor Brenda Bowman, and Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee member Bobby Jones, participated in the cleanup. Harville treated the group to their favorite desserts at Sweet Frog afterward. First row (kneeling): Morgan Nolen, Jacob Oswald, Brent Stone, Trevor Matherly, Matthew McKinney, and Micah Barnes. Second row (standing): Kathy Oswald, Terry Morris, Camryn Matherly, Larry Matherly, Anna Katherine Stone, Steven Hayes, Tre Trail, Buddy Nolen, Austin Witt, and Bryan Morris. Third row: Bill Oswald, Chris McKinney, Hershel Stone, Spencer Nolen, Dan Hayes, Coy Harville, Bobby Jones, Ashley Morris, Megan Barnes, Paul Witt, and David Barnes. Not pictured: Brenda Bowman, Cherie Barnes, Nicole Messina, Trinity Witt, John Adkins, Hunter Adkins, Bryce Adkins, and Lauren Stone.

## Rotary Earth Day cleanup

Chatham Rotary Club members participated in the county's Earth Day highway cleanup. Pictured are Rotarians Vic Millner and Mollie Holmes. Dick Camp is behind the camera.







## Scout Troop 377

Boy Scout Troop 377 of Whitmell United Methodist Church picked up litter on F.C. Beverly Road on April 13. From left are Matt Gosnell, Caleb Gosnell, Charles Wimmer, Ryan Bartley, Glenn Thomas, Trey Player, Caleb Holland, and Rick Holland.



## Pleasant Gap Cleanup

Pleasant Gap Road residents pick up litter on April 13 and 14. Volunteers included Allan Easley; Hershel, Lauren, Anna and Brent Stone; Mike Turner; David Searce; George and Carol Harper; John and Debbie Tappan; and Brandon Burnett. Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee will hold an Earth Day Cleanup on Saturday, April 21. Volunteers are encouraged to participate in the countywide event.





Tunstall High School students and their teacher Tara Mills picked up trash near the school. Pictured (l. to r) are Chris Buckner, Jason Keesee, Chatham-Blairs Supervisor Brenda Bowman, Mills and her 3-year-old daughter Clara, Bryant Cook, and Chase Scarce.



Collecting trash on Ringgold Church Road Earth Day were (l. to r) Kathy Burdette, Raymond Burdette, Jennifer Statzer, Barry Sides and Gary Goodson.



## Letters to the Editor

# Thanks to the residents who care

### To the editor:

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The following groups, consisting of approximately 300 people, represent all seven county magisterial districts, along with the Beautification Committee members and their supervisors, cleaned miles of roadways and collected hundreds of trash bags.

We know there are others who participated, and we apologize if anyone is omitted:

» Ross Electric Inc., Pittsville Road, Cal-

lands-Gretna;

» Boy Scout Troop and Cub Pack 377, E.C. Beverly Road, Tunstall and Chatham Blairs;

» Pleasant Gap Residents, Pleasant Gap Road, Chatham-Blairs;

» Ringgold Church Road Residents, Ringgold Church Road, Dan River;

» Mount Olivet United Methodist Church, Mount Cross Road, Westover;

» Life Inc. volunteers, Chalk Level Road, Ben Annie Road, Rockford School Road and Moses Mill Road, Callands-Gretna;

» Chatham First, Main Street, Chatham-Blairs;

» Tunstall High School, Tunstall High School Road, Tunstall and Chatham-Blairs;

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» Westover Hills Pentecostal Holiness Church, Vandola Road and Bennett Street, Westover;

» Residents, Deer View Road, Staunton River;

» Boy Scout Troop 175, Callands-Gretna;

» Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 372, Dan River;

» Cub Scout Pack 452, Danville;

» Cub Scout Pack 356, Danville;

» Boy Scout Troop 378, Brosville;

» Boy Scout Troop 346, Chatham;

» North Danville Church of Christ, Iris Lane, Westover;

» Ringgold residents, Shawnee Road, Dan River;

» Faith Memorial Baptist Church, U.S. 58, Tunstall;

» Chatham Rotary Club, Old Mine Road, Callands-Gretna;

» Sarah Stewart and friends, Marion Road, Banister;

» Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Ramsey, Banister;

» Brenda Robertson and friends, Java Road, Banister;

» Sherrie Waller, Church Road, Banister;

» Bob Bartlett and family, Spring Garden Road to Sandy Creek Bridge, Halifax Road to Slatesville Road, Banister;

» Rock Springs United Methodist Church, Rock Springs Road, Dan River;

» Kentuck Elementary School students, Dan River;

» Countryside residents, Countryside to Depot Road, Dan River;

» Keeling Drive residents, Keeling Drive to Paradise Lake Campground, Dan River and

» Lawrence and Joyce Wilburn, Hawks Ridge Road, Chatham-Blairs.

**BRENDA BOWMAN**

Supervisor  
Chatham-Blairs District

**Editor's note:** This letter of thanks was written on behalf of all seven members of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors.



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Boy Scout Troop 377 - F.C. Beverly Road - Tunstall & Chatham Blairs

Districts;

Pleasant Gap residents - Pleasant Gap Road, Chatham-Blairs District; Ringgold Church Road residents - Ringgold Church Road, Dan River District;

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church - Mt. Cross Road, Westover District;

Life, Inc. Volunteers - Chalk Level Rd., Ben Annie Rd., Rockford School Rd., and Moses Mill

Road, Callands-Gretna District;

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Tunstall High School - Tunstall High School Road, Tunstall & Chatham-Blairs District;

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Cub Scout Pack 372 - Dan River District;

Cub Scout Pack 452 - City of Danville;

Cub Scout Pack 356 - City of Danville;

North Danville Church of Christ - Iris Lane, Westover District;

Ringgold residents - Shawnee Road, Dan River District;

Faith Memorial Baptist Church - Rt. 58 - Tunstall District;

Chatham Rotary Club - Old Mine

Road, Callands-Gretna;

Sarah Stewart and friends - Marion Road, Banister District;

Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Ramsey - Banister District;

Brenda Robertson and friends - Jaya Road, Banister District;

Sherrie Waller - Church Road, Banister District;

Bob Bartlett and family - Spring Garden Road to Sandy Creek Bridge, Halifax Road to Slatesville Road, Banister District;

Lawrence & Joyce Wilburn □ Hawks Ridge Rd., Chatham-Blairs District;

Kentuck Elementary School students - Kentuck campus - Dan River District;

Countryside residents - Countryside to Depot Road - Dan River District;

Keeling Drive residents - Keeling Dr. to Paradise Lake Campground □ Dan River District.

Thank you from the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors

Tim Barber, chairman, Tunstall District

James Snead, vice chairman, Dan River District

Coy Harville,

Westover District

Marshall Ecker,

Staunton River District

Brenda Bowman,

Chatham-Blairs District

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Banister District

Jerry Hagerman,

Callands-Gretna District



# OPINION

GoDanRiver.com

## Our View

### When every single day is Earth Day

**T**he logic behind recycling is simple: Why throw out something that can be used again and again?

But getting from that sound principle to a workable recycling program is another story.

In Pittsylvania County, about a third of the trash is recycled, which extends the life of the county's landfill. But the board of supervisors' beautification committee wants to expand recycling in Pittsylvania County.

"It's a huge, huge need," said Megan Evans, chair of the beautification committee. "To be such a large county, there's a huge need for recycling."

The county's 19 trash collection sites include bins for newsprint, aluminum cans and cardboard. Mixed metals are separated at the Dry Fork landfill and sold to support landfill operations. But costs — and the market — keep the county from collecting plastic and glass.

"We're pretty close to doubling what the state requires," said Assistant County Administrator Otis Hawker. "... We should all try to recycle, reuse and do the best that we can, but with the economy the way it is nationwide, you're not seeing markets develop."

Even though plastics and glass recycling isn't offered at the county sites, Pittsylvania residents can still bring their recyclables to bins in Danville.

The payoff? People won't throw away something that can be used again. The city will be able to ship more recyclables, and the county's landfill won't fill up as fast.

Gone are the days when people could — or should — dump their trash in a ditch. Pittsylvania County's beautification committee is trying a lot of things at once to maintain the community's rural charm. Last month's Earth Day cleanup was just the start.

There is a growing realization that the county's scenic vistas and rural roads are worth the effort it takes to clean them up — and maintain them.

At the same time, Virginia's largest county could never afford to be able to do the work that volunteers on Earth Day were able to do. There simply isn't room in the county budget for beautification. There probably never will be.

But the beautification committee is onto something. A few grants here, and a day of cleaning there and the county will be better off for it. Beautification is not the biggest issue facing Pittsylvania County, but it matters for most people — and their property values.

Editorials are the consensus view of the Danville Register & Bee's editorial board: Publisher Steven W. Kaylor, Editor Robert D. Benson and Assistant Editor Charles Wilborn.



Pittsylvania  
County

# Committee looks to recycling

Beautification group  
to meet to discuss  
how to tackle issue

BY JOHN R. CRANE  
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With Pittsylvania County's first Earth Day cleanup over, the board of supervisors' beautification committee looks to the future.

Ridding the county of litter will always be a top priority, but the seven-member committee plans next to focus on recycling, said Megan Evans, chair of the beautification committee.

"It's a huge, huge need," Evans said Friday. "To be such a large county, there's a huge need for recycling."

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## Recycling

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Evans said she would also like to see the committee encourage residents to clear trash, old cars and overgrown grass from their yards. An unkempt lawn can reduce neighbors' property values, Evans said. Also, a cleaner county helps attract businesses, she said.

The beautification committee's first meeting since Earth Day takes place Tuesday in Chatham. While there will be reflection on the countywide clean-up on April 21, the meeting will also be a "stepping stone" for the group to see how they will tackle the issue of recycling in the county, Evans said.

More than 300 people among 28 groups took part in Earth Day activities in the county.

There were 87 bags of trash collected on Pleasant Gap Drive alone in Dry Fork, said Chatham-Blairs Supervisor Brenda Bowman, who proposed development of the committee.

"All seven districts [in the county] had groups that participated," Bowman said.

The event's results were over-

whelming, said Bowman, who was pleased with how the endeavor turned out. The committee, which coordinated the county's first Earth Day clean-up with Hershel Stone, will make it an annual activity.

"I know it will grow," she said.

Other projects the committee will consider is encouraging businesses to spruce up their properties or adopt a road, intersection or median for clean-up and maintenance, Bowman said.

Businesses may be recognized with a plaque for business of the month or quarter.

Residential competitions for yard of the month or quarter would be held, or a contest, Bowman said.

Bowman also expects next year's Earth Day to be even better, since the committee will have more time to promote the event.

"I'd love to see 1,000 people out doing this next time," she said.

Evans and Bowman hope the committee takes advantage of grants available for clean-up projects, for campaigns to help stop litter and encourage recycling.

"We want to show pride in our community," Bowman said.

As for recycling, Board of Supervisors Chairman Tim Barber said he would like for the county to perform

a cost analysis of its viability before deciding what to do about recycling in the county.

Otis Hawker, assistant county administrator, said, the county offers aluminum and newspaper recycling at its compactor sites. Also, metal from household appliances is separated from other waste at the county landfill in Dry Fork and is sold on the market. The practice generates money used to maintain the landfill, Hawker said.

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires at least 15 percent of principle recyclable material — plastic, paper, metal, computers/electronics — among waste from the county and its businesses and schools to be recycled, Hawker said. The county recycles about 30 percent, he said.

Hawker is scheduled to speak on recycling at the committee's meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Captain Martin Building at 1 Center St. in Chatham.

The committee welcomes others to speak on the topic of recycling at its meetings, Evans said. Those interested can call Evans at (434) 251-2612, or email her at [megan.evans2008@gmail.com](mailto:megan.evans2008@gmail.com).

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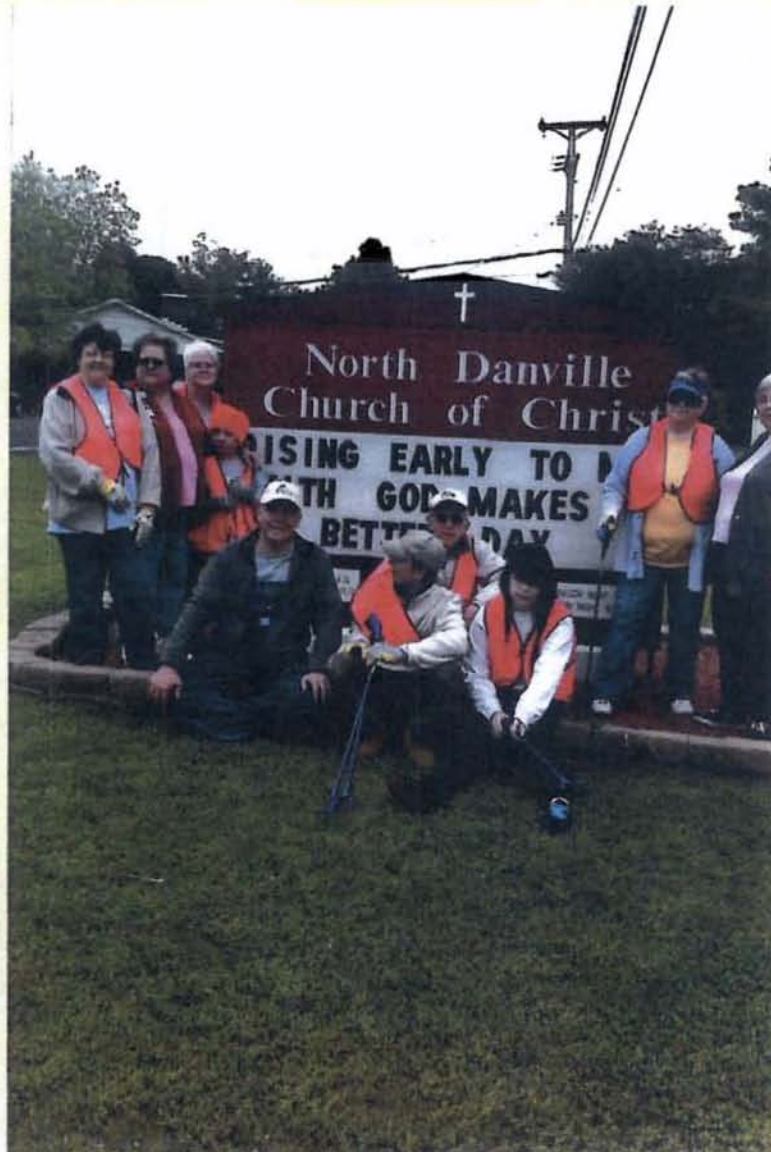










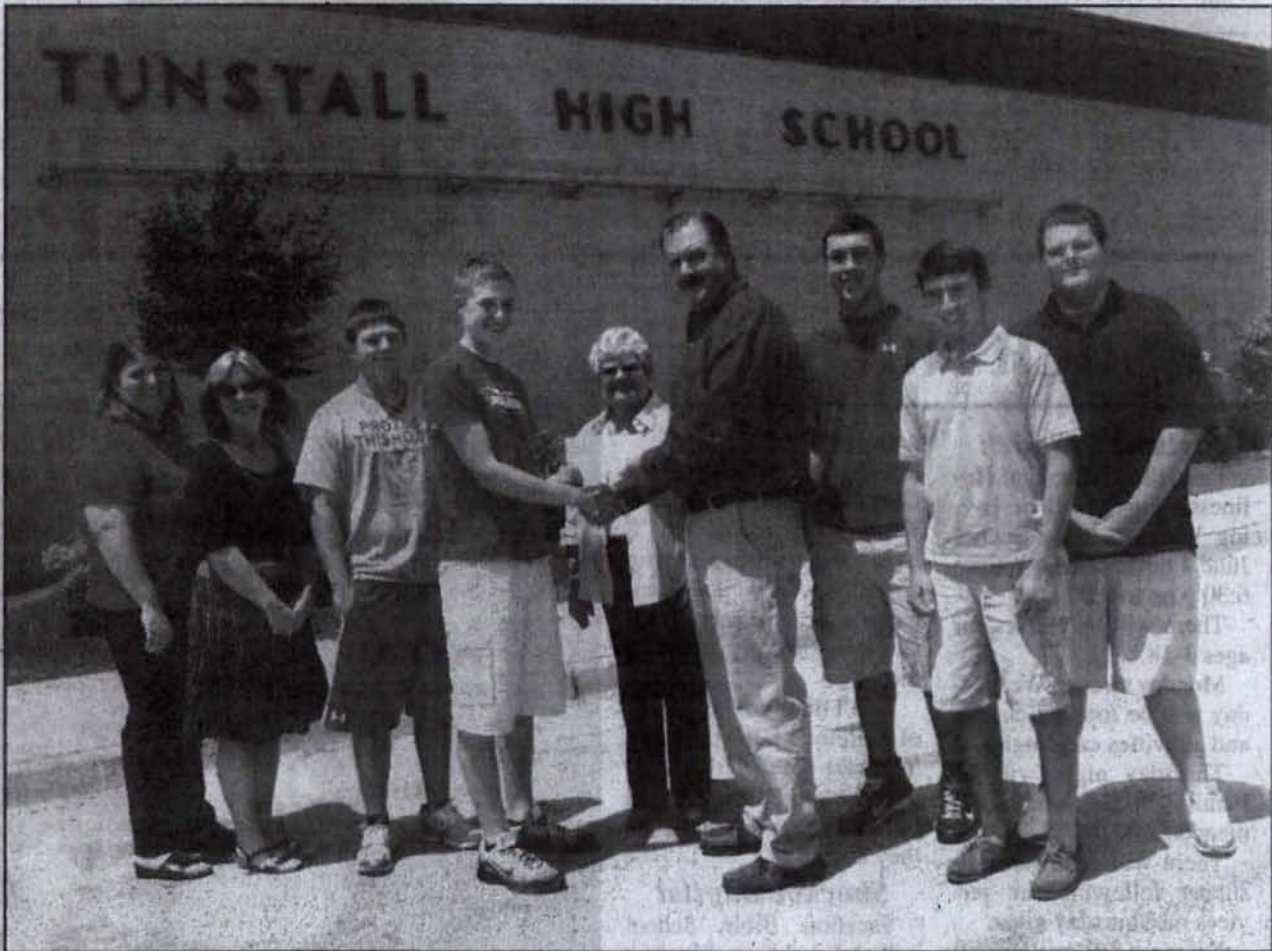












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## STOP Litter

Tunstall High School's Fellowship of Christian Athletes Club received the first \$100 awarded for a high school student club participating in the STOP Litter Program, a partnership with the Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce and the Pittsylvania County Beautification Committee. Pictured (L to R) are Tunstall High teacher Tara Mills, Chamber of Commerce President Laurie Moran, Chase Scarce, Caleb Unger, Chatham-Blairs Supervisor Brenda Bowman, Board of Supervisors Chairman Tim Barber, Chris Buckner, Bryant Cook and Jason Keesee. School groups at the county's four high schools are urged to sponsor highway clean-up projects and register with the school resource officer to be considered for the monetary award available annually at each high school.