

Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission Region III



NEWSLETTER



Hello from GSWCC Region III!

We started the year with a little bit of snow (much to everyone's surprise!) then transitioned quickly into

one of our favorite and busy times of the year,
Spring!



We are always adding new projects and building on older ones - working with conservation agencies statewide to be the voice of resource concerns and outreach programs. If you have any concerns or ideas for us please contact us!

<https://www.facebook.com/GASWCCIII>

A Little About Us

We have continued outreach programs in Region III's districts' schools: constructing a greenhouse to replace one damaged from Hurricane Helene, introducing terrariums to teach about ecosystems, planting seeds for raised beds, planting trees for Arbor Day, demonstrating soil health lessons, and presenting the benefits of pollinators including the life cycle of butterflies.

Districts have welcomed new Supervisors and recognized top conservationists from their counties. District Supervisors, working with GACD and Farm Bureau have supported the Book-of-the-Month program, where representatives read to children, present in-class activities, and donate conservation based books to the schools.

Region III Districts continue memberships with organizations like GACD, NACD, and RC&D. We work closely with many agencies including NRCS and UGA extension offices and have sponsorships for local ag programs and offer educational support.

Region III promotes the Feral Swine Program with Districts investing in hog traps - Pig Brigs, to help reduce the population of feral swine and the damage they cause to crops and wildlife habitats.

Districts also partner with RC&D's to offer no-till drill rentals in certain areas to aid in erosion control, soil microbe health and fuel and time savings.

This is by no means a comprehensive list of activities or Partners! We appreciate any opportunity for us to learn more and to share conservation Lessons Learned.



Altamaha SWCD

Appling, Bacon, Coffee, Jeff Davis, Telfair



Bacon County

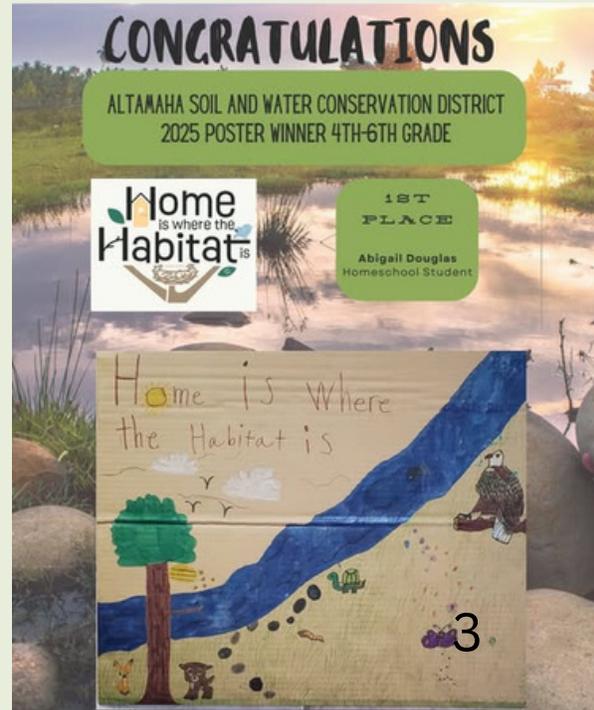
New Vision Learning Center -Life Cycle of a Butterfly Presentation in Alma, GA



Preschoolers learned about the life cycle of a butterfly and made their own (Tissue paper) butterflies!



Altamaha Soil and Water Conservation Districts 2025 Poster Contest Winners! The 2025 stewardship week theme is "Home is where the Habitat is".



Brier Creek SWCD

Burke, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Richmond

Burke County 4-H Plant Sale!

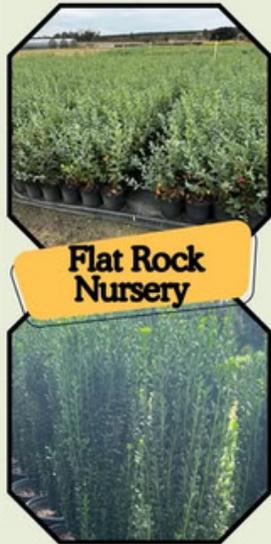
DEADLINE TO ORDER:
JANUARY 8TH, 2025
BY:5PM

PICK-UP DATE:
FEBRUARY 13TH, 2025
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

SCAN ME

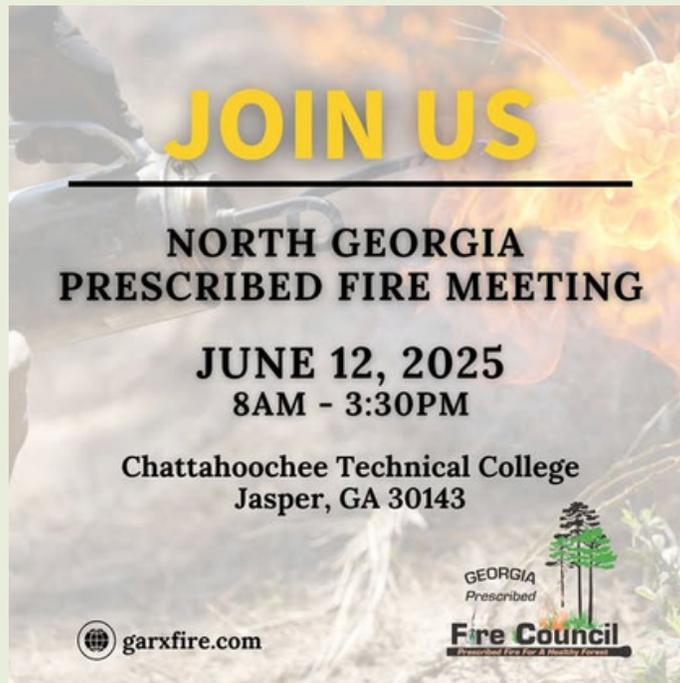


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Brier Creek continues to promote 4-H and Conservation Programs in the District and supports Conservation poster contests in the schools (Winners to be announced in July!)

Checks can be made payable to Burke County Extension/4-H.



JOIN US

**NORTH GEORGIA
PRESCRIBED FIRE MEETING**

JUNE 12, 2025
8AM - 3:30PM

Chattahoochee Technical College
Jasper, GA 30143

garxfire.com

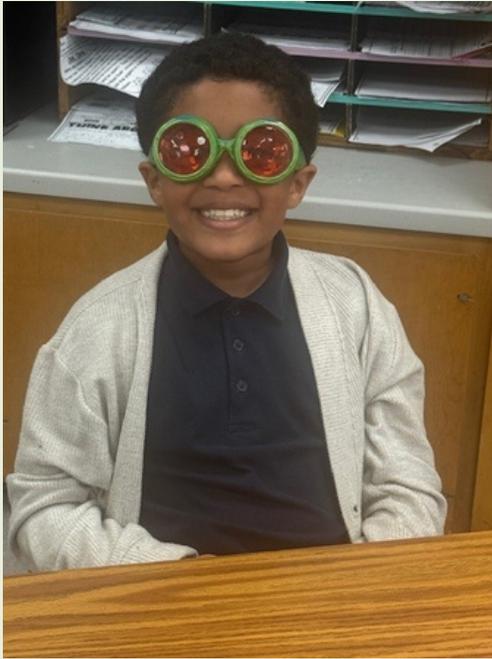
GEORGIA
Prescribed
Fire Council
Prescribed Fire For A Healthy Forest



Coastal SWCD

Bryan, Chatham, Liberty, Long, McIntosh

Liberty County



Joseph Martin
Elementary
students enjoyed
participating in
learning about the
Lifecycle of a
Butterfly!





Schools in Long County participated in tree planting for 2025 Arbor Day!



Supervisor Mr. Cecil Stafford with LCHS students

Ogeechee River SWCD

Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Evans, Screven, Tattnall

Candler County



Christi Brantley led the Metter Raised bed seed starting project with Fallon McCranie, Ag teacher -

Planting Brussel sprouts, zucchini, yellow squash, turnip greens, cherry tomatoes, lettuce



Region III's Christi Brantley presenting the Terrarium Project ~ with Sherry Tyler's classes at Metter Elementary School



and Nikki Perkins
Stilson Elementary⁷
Class

Evans County



Christi Brantley building the Terrarium Project with self-contained class at Claxton Elementary School. Teacher: Jennafer Busbie



Ohoopee River SWCD

Emanuel, Montgomery, Toombs, Treutlen, Wheeler

Emanuel County Schools

Terrarium Project with Christi Brantley



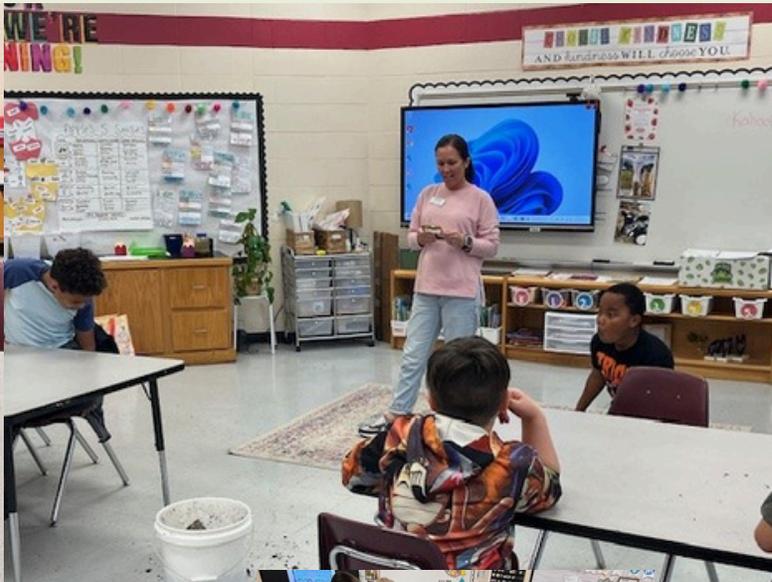
Region III rep Miki Smith Arbor Day tree planting with Rhett Harper's 5th grade class



Montgomery County



Montgomery Elementary -Seed starting for raised beds. Dahlia Smith, Ag Teacher



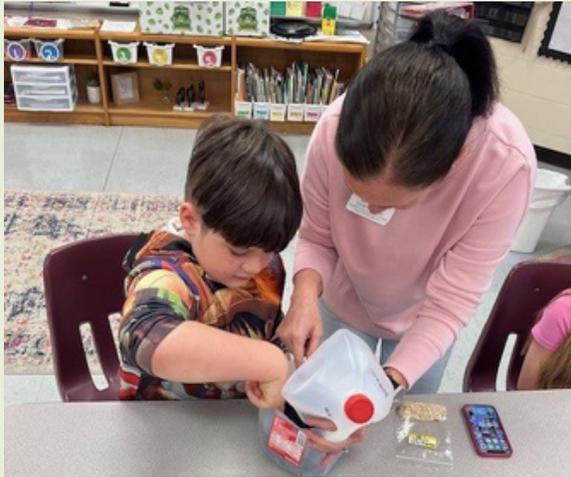
Montgomery County

Greenhouse construction

Montgomery County Supervisor Drew Conner and crew helped Region III's Miki Smith in the construction of a new greenhouse to replace one destroyed by Hurricane Helene

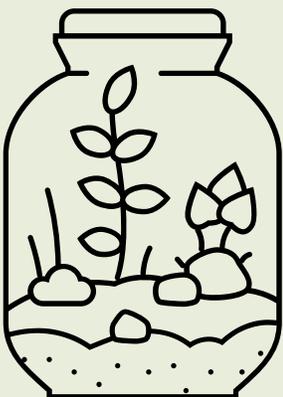
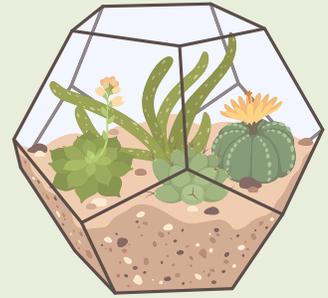


Montgomery Elementary Classes Seed Starting with Christi Brantley

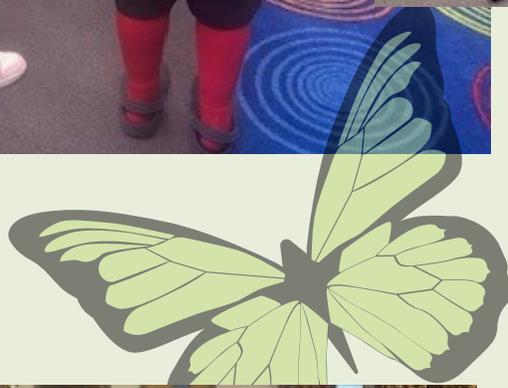


Montgomery County Terrarium

with Christi Brantley



Montgomery County Elementary Butterfly Presentation with Region III's Miki Smith

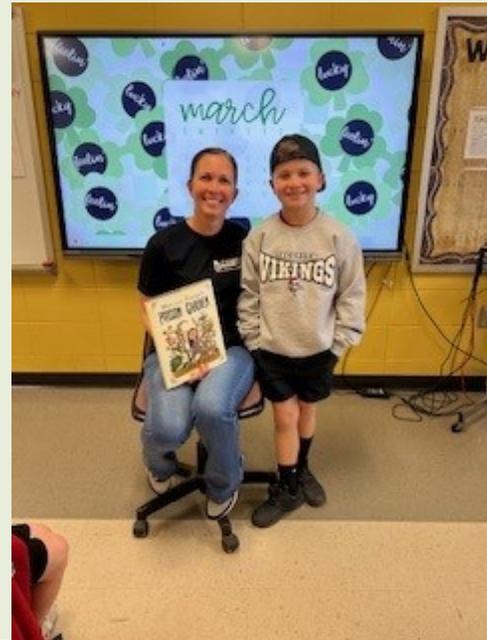


Treutlen County School Projects

Science Night
with Region III's
NancyAnne
Conner



**Christi Brantley with
Treutlen Community
Reader Day Event and
Terrarium Project with
G. Beall**



Treutlen County raised beds seed starting with middle school ag teacher, Rose Cauley and Christi Brantley





Treutlen County Butterfly Presentation with Miki Smith

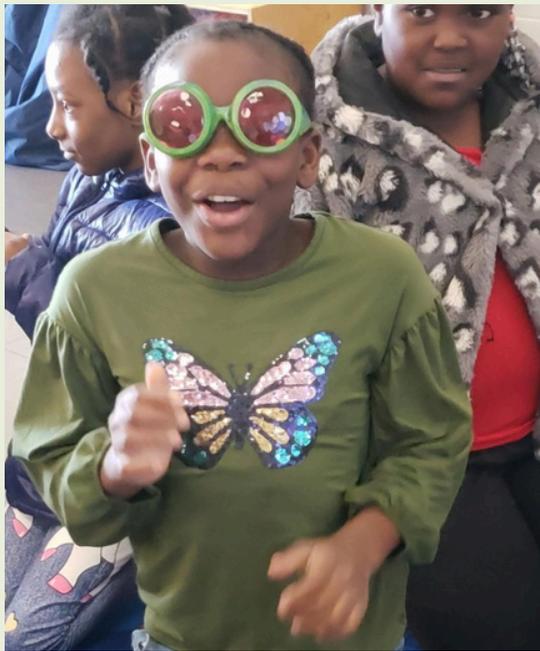


Wheeler County Elementary School

Arbor Day
Tree planting
with Sherry
Rutherford



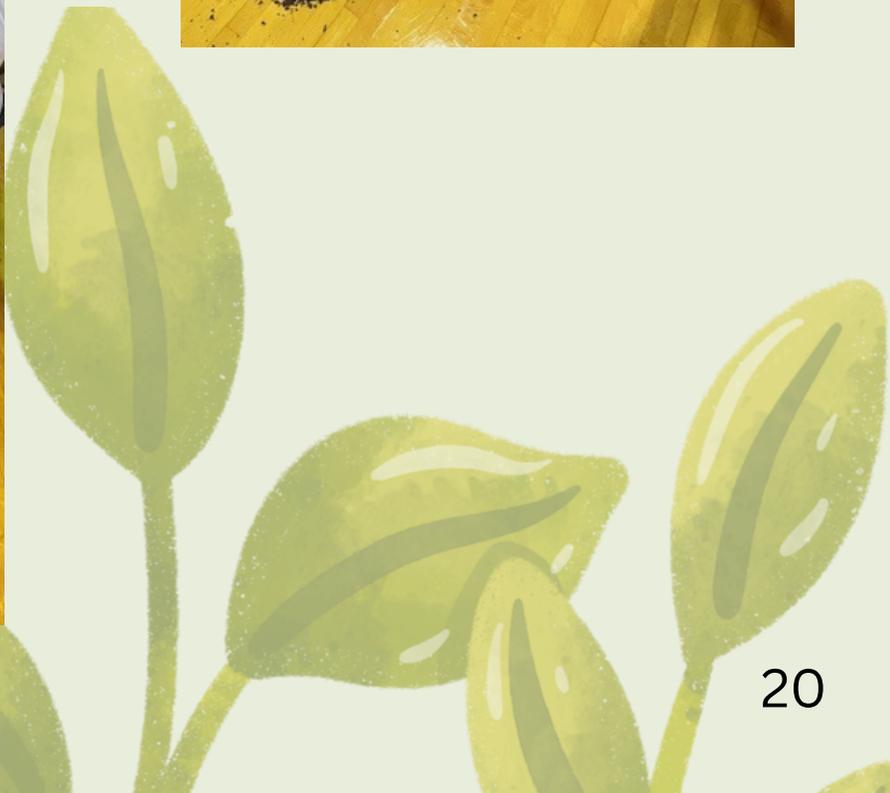
Lifecycle of a Butterfly
presentation with Miki
Smith in Mrs.
Rutherford's STEM
classes



Wheeler Raised Bed Seed Starting Project with Sherry Rutherford and Christi Brantley



Christi Brantley planting seeds at Wheeler PK Parents Night



Wheeler Soil Lesson

Soil sampling and soil erosion lesson with Miki Smith



Satilla River SWCD

Atkinson, Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Glynn, Pierce, Ware, Wayne

Satilla River District Supervisors 2025



Pictured from left to right: Al Daniels, Camden Co.; Marvin Giddens, Atkinson Co.; Katherine McCranie, Atkinson Co.; Ronald Sadowski, Glynn Co.; Michael Raulerson, Pierce Co.; Mathew Moody, Ware; Dan Good, Ware Co.; Jim Waters, Pierce Co.; Lucretia Norman, Charlton Co.; Heath Holdsworth, Glynn Co.; Jonny Harris, Wayne Co.



Ware County Ag Instructor
Kimberly Woodard
purchased a mobile chicken
coop to take Ag to her
classrooms with support
from Satilla District

Project Update

Brier Creek SWCD

Family members and students at Jenkins-White Elementary School continue celebrating the life of student Arbrie Anthony planting and caring for the purple blooming plants and unicorn that Miss Arbrie loved.



Upcoming Events

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION WORKSHOP



**PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE
IN THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

WORKING TOGETHER FOR OVER 60 YEARS!!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
JUNE 8-13, 2025!**



- FOR GEORGIA'S UPCOMING 10TH, 11TH, & 12TH GRADERS
- FUN EXPERIENCES AND NEW FRIENDS
- CAMPUS LIFE
- SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
- EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
- INSTRUCTION FROM FIELD EXPERTS
- HANDS-ON LEARNING & FIELD TRIPS
- COLLEGE AND CAREER OPTIONS

AND MORE!!
REGISTRATION OPENS SPRING 2025 !! www.abac.edu/nrcw

If you have an upcoming event that you would like for us to promote please contact us !

Check out our Facebook page for updates!

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