

FFA Students Volunteer At Swamp



Students (l to r) Karron Whitaker, Ashley Duke, Sidney Raney, Kayla Denley, Paula Tyler, and Taylor McArthur remove water hyacinths.

By: Allison Ashmore
FFA Sponsor

On November 9, 2012, six members of the local FFA group boarded a school bus to work on a community service project at the Chakichiuma Natural Swamp, located north of downtown Grenada near the Yalobusha River. The Chakichiuma Task Force Committee, led by Robin Whitfield, has been trying to reclaim and preserve this natural area with help from the community. Robin showed the students and their horticulture teacher, Mrs. Allison Ashmore, how she wanted the cleared trail to look. Students wid-

ened the North Trail using rakes, cleared the trail by cutting overhead limbs and removing dead fallen trunks and debris, and pruned roots and briars from the new path so future hikers would not stumble. Later in the morning, students pulled up water hyacinths from the water's edge or from the mud.

Much thanks goes to Domino's Pizza who donated pizzas for lunch. Students ate on the boardwalk discussing the morning's activities. Highlights of the experience included viewing witch hazel in bloom, a chipmunk and partridgeberry on the forest floor, a blue heron, and the fruit from the tupelo tree.



Paula Tyler removes roots along the walking trail at the Chakichiuma Natural Swamp.

After lunch, students picked up trash on the South Trail. FFA students involved in this project were Kayla Denley, Ashley Duke, Taylor McArthur, Sidney Raney, Paula Tyler, and Karron Whitaker.

Thanks also to Mrs. Libby Rutledge for being the bus driver and also helping to work on the North Trail. These students really enjoyed seeing and learning about this natural area and are planning to return later in the spring for another work day at the swamp.

Change In AmeriCorps Leadership

By Pamela Hubbard
AmeriCorps Director



The new year brings some change in AmeriCorps leadership with Pamela Hubbard returning to the fulltime director position. Jon Haimes, who was an excellent director, resigned in order to give his full attention to Enon Baptist Church as its Pastor.

Gerry Morris, who served with the program in the past as an Americorps VISTA, will assume the part time assistant director position. She will lead the members in service projects, reading programs and trainings, and recruit volunteers. Her Red Cross experience will provide more insights into disaster preparedness and shelter training.

As part of a community project members recently welcomed and helped serve guests for the Martin Luther King Breakfast.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
TBA: GUES Science Fair STEM Classes tour Voc. School Cheer Info	FEBRUARY 2013					1 GHS Basketball	2 Visions Competition Grenada Rec BB Game GMS Gym
		*Updated 12/6/12			GHS Soccer-State I-55 Honor Band Clinic		
3	4	5 GHS Basketball Defensive Driving- Voc. Sch-5:30-9:30pm	6 Grenada Rec BB Game GMS Gym	7 Pizzazz-Out in Comm.	8 GHS Basketball	9 *ACT Grenada Rec BB Game GMS Gym Luvata "Relay for Life" Charity Basketball Gam GHS Gym 4:30pm	
*****Nat. Honor Society in GHS Aud.*****							
10 *Nat. Honor Society Induction of New Members 2pm GHS Auditorium	11	12 School Board Meeting-6:30pm	13	14 Teacher Work Day-No Students	15	16 GHS Baseball	
GHS Basketball-Division Tourney							
17	18	19 Grenada Arts Partnership "Master of Motown"	20	21 *GMS Choir Concert 6pm-GHS Aud	22 GUES Play-GUES 8:30am & 12:30pm	23 GHS Baseball Visions Competition	
GMS Choirs in GHS Aud. GHS Color Guard Training 3:30-5pm (GMS Gym) GHS Color Guard TRYOUTS 3:30-? GMS Gym							
24	25 GUES Play-GUES 8:30am, 12:30pm & 7pm	26 GMS&GHS Tennis	27	28 GHS Baseball MHSAA Concert Festival Pearl, MS Warmup-10:30am, Con- 11:30am & SR-12pm Writing Assessment (4th & 7th) GMS&GHS Tennis			
GMS & GHS Football Cheerleader Training (GMS Gym-3:30-5pm)							