

Local school children observe Earth Day 2000 at CAFB

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More than 1,000 local school children attended the fourth annual Earth Day observance March 29 at the Charleston AFB picnic ground.

Fifth and sixth grade students from 14 local schools were given presentations by more than 30 exhibitors. The presentations ranged from a touch tank brought by the South Caro-

lina Aquarium to a skit put on by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

The observance was sponsored by the 437th Civil Engineering Environmental Flight. Master Sgt. Josephine Miller, superintendent of the environmental flight, coordinated it along with Mr. Al Urrutia, conservation element chief.

"We've made it part of our duties to do this each year," said Miller. "It's

the biggest in the command."

The observance started out as a learning fair for the children of a local school, said Miller. "We narrowed it down to the fifth or sixth grade level because they are very attentive at that age."

It has now grown into what it is today. "Our object is to educate the kids," said Glenn Easterby, environmental flight chief. "We moved the date up a little earlier this year to accommodate testing in the schools and still get the children here."

Attending the Earth Day observance is something that many of the schools look forward to every year.

"This is our third year attending the event," said Barbara Saverino, teacher at Ladson Elementary School in Summerville. "It sparks the children's interest. They like the hands-on exhibits and getting the handouts about the environment. We use these to talk about the environment back at the school."

Between attending the event and what they learn in school, many of the children have used it to make a positive change in their lives.

"Some of the children have gone into their neighborhoods and started pick up trash programs," said Saverino. "This is teaching them to

become responsible adults as far as the environment is concerned. Children can do this and be proud of it. It gives them ownership."

In the weeks leading up to Earth Day many of the students were hard at work creating posters, murals and essays to enter into the annual competition.

The Ladson Elementary School was the first place winner in both the mural and poster category, with the Charleston Academy winning the essay contest.

"We tried to focus on what people could do to help, instead of what not to do," said Saverino about their mural. "This was our first year of entering the contests."

The environmental flight is already working on next year's Earth Day and is thankful to everyone who helped out this year.

"We appreciate the support of our exhibitors, CE, communications and all the other volunteers," said Easterby. "This was a great effort by all of Team Charleston."

The day can be wrapped up in what 10-year-old Edward Richardson from Ladson Elementary had to say, "They teach us things, that if we did them all the time, it would make the world a better place to live."



Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Eric Billings, of the Turtle and Tortoise Society, shows one of the many turtles on display during the annual Charleston AFB Earth Day event.

Closure

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Base Exchange, Commissary, child care center and other facilities along O'Neal drive. "Everything from the housing area, BX, shoppette and base commissary gravity flows to that particular sewer line," said Jim Myers, 437th CES construction representative.

"We will work this project in two phases. The first phase will consist of the contractor digging up one lane of Hill Blvd. first and then examining the pipe to determine if we can work with the existing pipe or whether it completely needs replacement," he said. "Depending on that decision, we'll either dig up across the road or just one lane. If we don't have to dig up the entire road then the re-

pair could be much shorter than expected."

Housing residents have experienced backed up toilets and other clogged drains from this line failing in the past. The repair should solve some of those problems for affected residents. While repairs are underway, base members should not experience any outages. "We will bypass this section to continue the gravity flow of sewage, and that should not result in any inconvenience to base people," Myers said.

The line dates back to 1963 or earlier and the base, in the past, attempted several repairs to the sewer line. "These lines fail sometimes because the roots from large trees will grow into the lines. The tree roots just grow to the spots where the lines leak

water and eventually get inside the pipes," Wiggins said. "We have gone into manholes and had to use a chainsaw to cut away roots as thick as my arm."

"This is true, these lines are buried very deep and the roots have become a problem in the past. The CES infrastructure folks have always had to go in and cut out the roots. They do a lot of behind the scenes work that many people never notice to keep these lines open," Myers said. "We had to resort to mechanical components to keep the gravity flow lines open to the point where it wouldn't inconvenience base members and cause a major sewer backup. The lines are old. By going in and increasing the size of this main line, we will be eliminating some of these problems."

April promotees

Airman

Jaynes, Hillary 437 SUPS
Reyes, Genemartin 437 SVS

Airman first class

Blair, Danny Jr. 437 CRS
Fraser, Beth 437 SUPS
Hainor, Aaron 437 EMS
Norman, Dwayne II 437 CPTS
Ollwerther, Meghan 437 APS
Pride, John Jr. 437 SUPS

Senior airman

Bahm, Steven 437 AGS
Burcham, Derek 437 EMS
Burgess, Antoinette 437 OSS
Cantrell, Kevin 437 AGS
Chavez, Manuel 437 APS
Collard, Melody 1 CTCS
Courtney, Ashley 437 CRS
Grant, Derek 437 CRS
Hall, Johnny 437 EMS
Hill, Nakia 437 MSS
Korgie, Steven 437 EMS
Kouba, Jeremiah 437 SUPS
Latham, Patrick 437 SFS
McElvaney, Malcolm 437 CRS
Montague, Robbie 437 SUPS
"Nedrow, Richard 437 APS
Reyes, Christopher 437 TRNS
Rossetto, Alexander 437 EMS
Sanborn, Neil 437 EMS
Schwickert, James 437 EMS
Searcy, David 437 EMS
Shelton, Christopher 437 EMS
Terstegen, Kristopher 437 EMS
Terzulli, Damon 437 CRS
Trial, Brian 437 EMS
Walker, Crystal 437 AGS

Staff sergeant

Barnett, Samuel 437 AGS
Conrad, Chad 437 APS
Constable, Robert 437 SVS
Deremer, Misty 437 CS
Graber, Pamela 437 MDOS

Graves, Ann 437 OSS

Lemaster, William 437 SFS
Lilly, Gregory 437 AGS
Lunn, Erick 437 AGS
Oyler, Ryan 437 EMS
Podunajec, Matthew 437 AW
Pyatt, Therna 437 MDOS
Ricker, James 437 CRS
Sutton, Renata 437 MDOS
Sutton, Stephen 437 AGS
Thompson, Gerald 437 CS
Wilson, Bryan 437 SFS

Technical sergeant

Alleyne, Martin 15 AS
Borden, Robert 14 AS
Fuller, Duane 437 EMS
Gaddis, Joseph 437 SFS
Howard, John 437 EMS
James, Robert 437 SUPS
Keough, Bryan 437 SFS
Lentner, Eric 437 CS
Lightburn, Wayne 437 MDSS
Martinez, Gregory 437 AW
Mizelle, David 437 SFS
Montayre, Nelson 437 AW
Zaborowski, Daniel 437 CS

Master sergeant

Castle, Doreen 437 AGS
Couture, Daniel 16 AS
Eason, James Jr. 437 AW
Grieve, David 17 AS
Jacobs, Michael 437 LG
Rouse, Shawn 437 AW
Williams, Richard 437 EMS

Senior master sergeant

Grogan, John 437 EMS

First lieutenant

Stanley, Anna 437 SUPS
Kaufman, Edward 15 AS

Lieutenant colonel

Braunbeck, Paul 437 CONS

Family tradition

Staff Sgt. Duane Farley, 437th Aircraft Generation Squadron, (right) receives the oath of reenlistment from his father, Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer 5 Michael Farley in a C-17. CWO5 also did the honors at Sergeant Farley's initial enlistment in 1993 and his first reenlistment in 1996.



Staff Sgt. Pamela Smith