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Pine Cone Capitalism

By Tom Powers

Bill and Dorothy Steenland had their share of yard cleanup to do after Irene came to town and after picking up all the branches Bill noticed that there were still quite a few pine cones littering the yard. Since their two grandkids—Andy age 10 and Marie age 8— were visiting, Bill thought that he'd give them an introductory lesson in capitalism. So he handed them each a five-gallon pail and offered a penny a pine cone. Two days later, the kids reported in with 43 buckets, 140 pine cones per bucket or 6,020 pine cones! Better stated, "You owe us \$60.20, grandpa!"



Peter and Phyllis Makuck 549 Coral Ridge Dr Pine Knoll Shores,NC 28512 A Surprise for Bob Curry

By Phyllis Makuck

At noon on Friday, September 9, a small group met to honor Bob Curry as this year's winner of the North Carolina Forest Service's Outstanding Individual Grand Award. Bob came into the commissioners' meeting room and took a seat in the back, having no idea why he was there. Mayor Ken Jones stood in front of the room with town employee Sonny Cunningham and



began as though Sonny was to receive a commendation, then looked up and announced, "But we are here today to recognize Bob Curry."

A surprised Bob Curry reluctantly walked to the front of the room, and the mayor read the formal announcement, "In recognition of great success in improving the community's urban forest through innovation, education, outreach and strong community involvement." A second surprise for Bob came when he learned he would be going to Charlotte to receive the official Urban Forestry Award.

Bob admits he has on occasion been called a tree-hugger, but it is with a

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