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The staff of Stories Creek Elementary School pose Thursday afternoon after the school was named the North Carolina Title I Distinguished School for Closing the Achievement Gap.

'No excuses for not making sure the job gets done'

Stories Creek named North Carolina Title I Distinguished School

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Stories Creek Elementary School Principal Veronica Clay made it back to school before shedding joyful tears Thursday afternoon, having just left the North Carolina Department of

Public Instruction's annual Title I Conference in Greensboro where it was announced that Stories Creek had been named the North Carolina Title I Distinguished School for Closing the Achievement Gap.

The National Title I Distinguished Schools award program honors Title I schools that have,

through innovative approaches as identified by each state, improved student achievement.

As the winner of the National Title I Distinguished School award, Stories Creek will receive a \$10,000 monetary award.

Clay described her feelings the moment she heard the announcement that Stories Creek

had been selected as "overwhelmed and humbled."

Clay told *The Courier-Times* that Stories Creek had gone through a "challenging experience," as the school was close to being placed under Title I School Improvement five years

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NATIONAL EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM TEST SET WEDNESDAY

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Next week, television and radio stations across the state will participate in the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS).

The national test will take place Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. and may last up to three and a half minutes.

During this period, regularly sched-

uled television, radio, cable and satellite shows will be interrupted as the system is being tested.

"For the public, the only noticeable difference between the monthly tests that they have heard for years and the national EAS test, is that the message itself may be slightly longer," Doug Hoell, director of the North Carolina Emergency Management Division, said.

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County's FSA voting underway

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The 2011 United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee elections have started in Person County.

Rob Satterfield, executive director of the FSA in Person County, said ballots were being mailed to eligible voters in the Cunningham, Woodsdale and Holloway townships Friday.

Completed ballots must be returned

to the Person County FSA office at 304 S. Morgan St., Room 115, Roxboro, N.C. 27573 no later than Dec. 5.

"The FSA county committee system is unique among government agencies because it allows producers to make important decisions concerning the local administration of federal farm programs," Satterfield said. "I urge all eligible farmers and landowners, especially minorities and women, to get involved and make a real difference in their communities by

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Fifth graders participate in Agricultural Field Day

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"A grown cow is going to eat about 80 to 90 pounds of feed every day," said Cooperative Extension Livestock Agent Kim Woods Thursday to a group of fifth-graders. "It's going to drink enough water to fill a bathtub."

A cow can also produce 70 to 80 pounds of milk per day, Woods explained.

Over 300 fifth-grade students heard this presentation on dairy and milk production, and presentations on a variety of other agriculture-related topics at the Agricultural Field Day held at Huck Sansbury Park and sponsored by the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H.

The event has been held for the past several years at Optimist Park, in conjunction with the Flat River Antique Engine and Tractor Club's tractor show.

This year the field day location was moved to Huck Sansbury, as the tractor club will not be holding its show.

Groups of fifth-graders from

seven local schools rotated around to the booths throughout the morning and early afternoon. They learned about soil properties and management from representatives of the Person Soil and Water Conservation District; the various roles of foresters at the Person County forestry department booth; and beekeeping from the Beekeepers Association station.

Horticulture Agent Carl Cantaluppi tested students' knowledge of different vegetables, including cabbage, broccoli and collard greens.

"And everybody loves Brussels sprouts right?" he questioned his young audience.

Students learned that a tobacco plant starts out as a tiny brown seed, smaller than a crystal of salt, from a representative of Durham's Duke Homestead.

They learned about composting, growing plants, and Future Farmers of America (FFA) activities from Person High School's chapter of the FFA, and about old farming tools like wool shears,



Person Soil and Water Conservation District Senior Administrative Specialist Debbie Clayton explains methods of controlling pollution in the watershed to fifth graders at Agricultural Field Day Thursday.

PCC receives \$2.9 million education grant

The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Piedmont Community College (PCC) \$2.9 million in TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) program grants to provide counseling and information on college admissions to qualified individuals who want to enter, or continue, a program of postsecondary education. The program also provides services to improve financial and economic literacy and to assist participants in pursuing financial aid options.

PCC will receive \$580,852 annually in grant funds over a five-year period. The funds will be used to continue EOC services in an 11-county target area that includes Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Orange, Person, Rockingham, Vance and Warren counties.

"The EOC program is valuable to the counties we serve because our focus is to reduce and eliminate barriers to educational achievement," said Carolyn Funderburk, EOC director. "The EOC is a catalyst to assist those persons who desire to further their education, whether it is to obtain a GED, attend a two-year col-

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