



JEANETTE GOLDING of Boiling Spring Lakes shows a playing possum to Bolivia Elementary School students. Pictured are, with her cap turned backwards, Rhonda Blake, and to her left, Ben Desfonds. STAFF PHOTOS BY TERRY POPE

## Hundreds Attend First Annual Earth Day Fair

Students at one station took turns petting everything from a small boa constrictor to a newly-hatched chick.

Other fourth graders were busy making paper from pulp or learning about soil contamination and composting techniques.

It was an educational field trip for students from Bolivia Elementary and Southport Primary schools during the first Brunswick County Earth Day Fair last Wednesday at Smithfield District Park in Southport.

"For our first one, it's been a tremendous success," said Terry Munn, director of Brunswick Clean County.

The first annual Earth Day Fair was sponsored by Brunswick Clean County and the Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Service.

"Roughly, we've had about 200 students participate today," Munn

said. The fair topped off a week of Earth Day events held to celebrate National Keep America Beautiful Month and Earth Day 1991, which was Sunday, April 21. The theme of this year's Earth Day is, "Let's not waste the nineties."

However, the theme locally is one printed in bright green on T-shirts and caps given to each student who participated in the fair, "Make Earth Day Everyday."

The first Earth Day was in 1970 when Sen. Gaylor Nelson of Wisconsin proclaimed it would be the beginning of "one of the toughest and most political fights this country has ever seen."

Clean County also held a volunteer drive last week, conducted a desktop paper recycling drive with area businesses and honored volunteers who man the county's eight recycling stations.



TIM MAHAFFEY, left, and Wayne Skipper are busy making paper from pulp at the Earth Day Fair.

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