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He's a winner!

Levander Blackstock Jr., a fifth-grade student at Homewood Elementary School, came out on top of the city of Conway's recent poster contest designed to increase recycling in Conway. Levander won a \$50 gift certificate to Walmart, a framed photograph of himself with Mayor Alys Lawson, a bag of goodies from the Horry County Solid Waste Authority, which helped the city with the contest. Levander's poster will be made into a decal, which will be used on the

sides of the city's recycling trucks. There were 74 entries in the contest. Levander was accompanied at the Conway City Council meeting Monday night by his mom Melissa Sumpter, his stepdad Jazoo Thomas and his sister Keondre Sumpter. Pictured here are assistant city administrator Barbara Blain-Olds, Levander, Lawson and Kendra Hooks with the Solid Waste Authority.

Bluegrass will ring Saturday at HGTC

Rivertown Bluegrass Society will host The Wilson Family and Ken Scoggins & Millers Creek Saturday beginning at 5 p.m., as part of the organization's concert series held monthly at the Horry Georgetown Technical College Burroughs & Chapin Auditorium. Pre-show is set to begin at 3 p.m.

Attendees are encouraged to bring an acoustic instrument and participate in one of the jam sessions that begin at 3 p.m. and run throughout the monthly event. No electric instruments, other than electric bass, are allowed. An open mic pre-show begins at 4:30 p.m. and is for any musician who does not have a band, or for any band that has never played on stage before.

Admission into the event is \$10 for Rivertown Bluegrass Society members and \$12 for non-members. Monthly concerts are held on the third Saturday of each month.

More information about the May concert and Rivertown Bluegrass Society is available by calling 457-2854 or by visiting online at www.rivertownbluegrassociety.com.

About the Bands

Mention The Wilson Family Band around anyone who's had the opportunity to hear them and the response is broad smiles, nodding heads, and enthusiastic comments.

"You should hear that little Katie sing!" "Young Clint is developing into a phenomenal talent!" "Did you see the look of pride on Robert's face?" "Each time we hear them, they keep improving!" "The Wilson Family really knows how to entertain."

In the Southeast their reputation expands with each performance whether it's at a festival, restaurant or church. People are impressed by the whole package - music, family commitment, faith and perhaps most of all, genuineness.

Ken Scoggins is a veteran bluegrass singer from Rock Hill who's playing and singing style is reminiscent of first generation bluegrass performers.

Ken has traveled extensively throughout the U.S. over the past 10 years, performing for receptive crowds at many of the nation's larger bluegrass venues with Miller's Creek, a band he and three friends formed in 1997.

Ken, the only remaining founding member, now fronts a band he calls the strongest of his 13 years on the road - carrying on the Miller's Creek tradition.

Scholars Academy win Magna award

Horry County Schools has been selected as an Honorable Mention recipient in the American School Board Journal's 16th annual Magna Awards program.

HCS was recognized among districts with more than 20,000 students for its entry, "Dare to Know: The Scholars Academy." The Scholars Academy is a partnership with HCS and Coastal Carolina University

to provide advanced learners with an enriched, accelerated education.

Students may take Advanced Placement and college courses on the university campus and earn up to two years of college credits while earning their high school diploma.

The Magna Awards recognize districts across the country for outstanding programs that advance student learning and encour-

age community involvement in schools.

This year's winners were selected based on three enrollment categories: less than 5,000 students, 5,000 to 20,000, and 20,000 and above.

The American School Board Journal initiated the Magna Awards in 1995 to recognize school boards for taking bold and innovative steps to improve their educational programs.

An independent panel of school board members, administrators, and other educators selected winners from more than 330 submissions.

The 2010 winners are highlighted in a special supplement to the April issue of ASBJ and were formally recognized Monday at the School Leaders Luncheon, which is part of NSBA's 70th Annual Conference in Chicago.

CCU storm drains: Students attack pollution

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sorium (CWSEC) to implement a storm drain marking pilot program in Horry and Georgetown counties and the local municipalities.

Karen Fuss, coordinator of the CWSEC and environmental educator with CCU's Burroughs & Chapin Center for Marine and Wetland Studies, said the pilot program's idea is to make people aware of what they are doing and make them go the next step to help the en-

vironment.

"There are many things people can do to help with stormwater pollution," she said. "And by getting students and adults involved in the project, we can help to get more done and spread the word throughout the region."

Along with educating the students, Muench, Greoski and the volunteers are studying and taking data from the storm drains to see how the weather and other factors affect them.

"We are looking at the amount of water near the drains, any litter that may be present, if anything is in the drain and any smells coming from it," Muench said. "That way we can see how the project is going and how storm drains are affecting the water."

Muench said along with CCU, they are also marking drains on Ocean Boulevard and at the Market Common.

For more information on storm water and pollution, visit www.cwsec-sc.org.

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We've got a better way to get rid of that unwanted cell phone.

Recycling old mobile phones is good for the environment and for area students. For any old cell phone you turn in at an HTC office by May 3rd, HTC will donate \$1 to Horry County Schools' Fund for Homeless Students. And, you'll get a Wendy's® coupon good for a FREE 12 oz. FROSTY and an Auntie Anne's® Buy any Pretzel, Get a FREE Original or Cinnamon Sugar Pretzel coupon. This way, our students win, the environment wins and you win.

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