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Upcoming Events

The 45th Annual Southeast Old Threshers Reunion will be held June 30 through July 4 at the Denton Farm Park in Denton.

The event features antique farm equipment, train engines, music, crafts, food, fireworks and more. A special Mayberry Tribute Day will be held July 4, with character actors dressed as and portraying the original actors on the popular television show. The day ends with fireworks at 9 p.m.

Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler will speak at the opening ceremony June 30th at noon.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $15 for adults, $6 for kids ages 6-11 and free for kids 5 and under.

For more, go to http://dentonfarmpark.com/event/2015-southeast-old-threshers-reunion.

First N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship recipients announced

Twenty-four North Carolina students are the first recipients of the N.C. State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarships, Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler announced.

The scholarships are designed for high school seniors and students currently enrolled in an institute of higher education who have participated in the junior livestock or market turkey shows at the N.C. State Fair.

The scholarships were funded by sponsors of the annual N.C. State Fair Junior Livestock Sale of Champions. The number of scholarships awarded each year will be based on qualified applicants and funds available from the previous year’s Sale of Champions. Because of strong support of the 2014 sale, 24 scholarships valued at $2,000 each were awarded this year.

“Each of these scholarships is an investment in our next generation of farmers and agribusiness leaders,” Troxler said. “I’m thankful for the support of our sponsors who made these scholarships possible.”

From the tractor by Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler

I want to remind everyone that this is a good time to review your emergency preparedness plans on the farm and at home.

Forecasters are predicting fewer named storms this hurricane season, but it only takes one storm to ruin a crop or cause significant damage.

Having a plan, making sure everyone involved in your operation understands what to do, reviewing the plan and your insurance coverage annually will be helpful if a disaster strikes.

For most farming operations, power is essential. Consider purchasing, leasing or negotiating a rental arrangement for a backup generator in advance. If you plan to rent a generator, read the contract carefully, as some rental contracts only cover eight hours of use per day.

It is also important to have a transfer switch properly installed so you can use a generator. This is critical for the protection of farm facilities and utility workers.

If a hurricane is forecast for your area, it is advised to purchase additional fuel for vehicles and generators, and a hand pump.

Having an equipped and functional emergency preparedness kit is also recommended. Items to include are fire extinguishers, first aid kits, a camera that stamps date and time, flashlights and batteries. A NOAA weather radio and two-way radios can also be handy to stay informed and in contact with your workers.

Water and feed for animals is also essential.

These are just a few tips to consider. I hope it is an uneventful season, but it is better to be prepared than wishing you had taken the time to figure out what is necessary in an emergency.

Find more preparedness tips, information and a Farm Emergency Plan Template, at www.ncagr.gov/disaster.

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Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler announced the first class of scholarship recipients at the Got to Be NC Festival. Pictured with him at the announcement are 12 of the recipients, members of the scholarship selection committee and sponsors of the Sale of Champions. Following the announcement, the group joined Troxler as grand marshals of the tractor parade.

Commissioner Troxler

A selection committee evaluated applicants based on their involvement with N.C. State Fair junior livestock shows, academic achievement, extracurricular activities and an essay. Each application was assigned a number and identifying information was removed before evaluation.

(See Scholarships, pg. 2)
North Carolina joins the rest of the country in celebrating June as National Dairy Month. This year’s theme, “Get more milk,” focuses on consumers, encouraging families to make milk their first beverage choice because it contains vital, minerals and nutrients that are part of a healthy diet.

The Southeast United Dairy Industry Association Inc. is working to raise awareness about the accomplishments of the 2,900 dairy farmers across the Southeast, including Zach Myers of Jonesville.

Myers is a third-generation dairy farmer, operating on the same land his grandfather opened the dairy on in 1949.

Myers has been active in dairy industry leadership in both North Carolina and the Southeast, and this year was elected chair for the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board.

As chair of the NDB, working directly with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, carries out coordination and processing programs to help build demand and expand domestic and international markets for dairy products. As NDB chair, Myers plays a major role in guiding the program’s national promotion campaigns.

“Myers earned his bachelor’s degree in biology at N.C. State University and a master’s degree in dairy cattle nutrition and animal sciences at Michigan State University. After graduation, Zach and his wife, Sybil, decided to settle back on the farm in Jonesville, where the couple have three children and have grown about 961 million pounds, of milk. In 2014, more than 47,000 North Carolina dairy cows produced 111.7 million gallons, or about 961 million pounds, of milk. The top six milk-producing states in the world are France, Germany, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Russia.

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North Carolina is a leader in the production of milk and is home to four commercial milk processing plants, with two in High Point, and one each in Winston-Salem and Asheville. Additionally, North Carolina is home to three on-farm bottling plants, one commercial cheese plant, 37 small cheese makers and 38 ice cream and value-added dairy manufacturers.

June also marks the 100th anniversary of the National Dairy Council, an organization that provides science-based nutrition education to consumers, with the goal of keeping children healthy by providing them with nutrient-dense foods like milk, cheese and yogurt.

For more information about National Dairy Month or the NCDairy.org, go to www.National Dairy.org.
Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market celebrates 20 years

The Robert G. Shaw Piedmont Triad Farmers Market in Colfax marked its 20th anniversary in May. Market visitors were treated to ice cream and activities. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler spoke about the history of the market and the people who were instrumental in its founding. At top left, visitors check out plant selections available at the market. At top right, Commissioner Troxler gave local Fox 8 reporter Shannon Smith and her daughter a ride in the Big Cart. At right, guests enjoy ice cream as part of the festivities.

NCDA&CS staff assists other states with avian flu outbreak

Four NCDA&CS task force teams recently traveled to Minnesota and Iowa to help with the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza. The Poultry Foam Task Force teams, a combination of animal health technicians, veterinary health technicians and emergency programs staff, each spent about five days helping depopulate infected commercial poultry flocks.

“Our staff trains regularly to deal with emergencies such as weather, fire and disease outbreaks,” said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. “Highly pathogenic avian influenza is a serious concern for the U.S. poultry industry, and we are glad we are able to assist other states during this emergency. Swine depopulation is imperative to controlling the spread of this disease.”

The current strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza identified in the United States does not cause illness in humans. However, it spreads quickly within poultry flocks. Birds that are exposed must be humanely killed to control the spread. Sick birds are not allowed into the food supply, so poultry and poultry products are safe to consume. The disease has been found in poultry flocks or wild birds in 19 states. It has not been found in North Carolina.

The teams used a foaming method to humanely depopulate the flocks. “Foam is used only in instances where an entire flock needs to be depopulated because of disease or injury. Our department has developed the equipment and has literally written the manual on how to use it,” Troxler said. “Our staff has developed the equipment and has literally written the manual on how to use it.”

A team traveled to Alabama in 2011 to assist in depopulating poultry flocks after a tornado outbreak there.

Bucolic briefs

Franklin County Cooperative Extension is hosting its annual Five-County Regional Beef Tour June 11, with stops in Franklin, Granville, Vance, Wake and Warren counties. There will be educational programs at stops at the Rolling M Commercial Angus Acres, Ray Family Farms and Springfield Angus Farms. Exploration begins at 7:30 a.m. at the cooperative extension office in Louisburg. The program is expected to wrap up at 2 p.m. Program topics include new face-by-products, use of poultry litter as pasture fertilizer, pond weed management, direct marketing of beef, a conservation stewardship grazing program and current regulations regarding the transportation of livestock. Demonstrations of a rainfall simulator and a summer forage test plot will be included.

The tour concludes with a beef program. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Contact Martha Mobley with Franklin County extension, at 919-496-3344 or email at martha_mobley@ncsu.edu to preregister by June 8, or for questions. A tour brochure can be downloaded at http://franklin.ces.ncsu.edu.

A Regional Hay Field Day will be held July 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Granville County Livestock Facility, 900 Pond Road, Siler City. Educational programs will focus on forage fertility requirements, storing hay, weeds, soil and forage sampling and forage differences. The event includes displays of new equipment on the market and types of summer forages, and a sponsored lunch. For more information contact the Franklin County Extension Center at 919-496-3344.

Back Country Horsemen of Uwharrie will hold work days Sept. 19 and Nov. 14. The group meets at 9 a.m. in the Canewake Horse Camp in the Badin Lake Recreation Area near Troy. The group also holds chapter meetings May 11, June 8, Aug. 18, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, and Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. The meetings will be held at Best Foods Cafeteria, 220 E. 11th St., Siler City. Back Country Horsemen of Uwharrie is a nonprofit organization and chapter of the Back Country Horsemen of North Carolina and America. The website is www.backcountryhorses.com.

The Back Country Horsemen of Uwharrie works in alliance with other chapters across North Carolina, the U.S. Forest Service and the National Park Service to ensure that forests will be available for equestrian use. Its main focus is on ensuring the Uwharrie National Forest will remain a place that can be enjoyed by all equestrian enthusiasts. Members of the BCHU volunteer their time and resources to maintain trails.

As a way to help farmers and agricultural workers stay safe at work, the N.C. Department of Labor offers safety videos on a variety of topics through its YouTube channel. Video topics include: preventing green tobacco sickness, hazard communication, tobacco harvester safety, heat stress, migrant housing requirements, forklift safety, and information about the NCDOl’s Gold Star Growers program. The videos are in English and Spanish to increase understanding of safety hazards and preventing accidents. To learn more about the NCDOl and the Agricultural Safety and Health Bureau, go to www.ncbiar.org or call 1-888-NC-LABOR (808-625-227). NCDOl is also on Facebook and Twitter (@NCDOl).

Beekers keep bees for rent and growers interested in bee pollination services can post their information on the BeeLINKed website at www.nccage.com/beelink. The site is hosted by the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the N.C. State University Apiculture Program. Anyone interested in listing their information can do so by filling out an online Submit Your Ad form at the BeeLINKed page or by contacting NCDA&CS at 919-233-8214 or by email at NChoneybee@ncagr.gov or call NCSU at 919-515-1660. The NCDA&CS Plant Industry Division regulates the movement of agricultural or related items capable of spreading harmful insects, diseases, and other pests. Beekeepers participating in this program will be required to comply with all honey and bee industry regulations.

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- Donald Cannon, Yadkin 252-746-4600 evenings or 917-340-341.
- 1953 Farmall Cub, restored, cult. fl, paint, GC, $2,000. Ron Delisle, Reidsville 252-349-275.
- 1951 John Deere 1001 tractor, 100 hp, saddle tank, 557, 1989 JD 950 combine, 11,500, JD 912 6 ft disc, 2,500. JD 4155 30 ft cult., runs good, pics. Ben Ulla 704-397-6262 from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Case IH 450 grain auger, w/3 implements, VGC, $2,500. Terry Pfeiffer, Mocksville 336-692-1857.

**NOTICE**

- **Equipment**
  - **Rolling cult., w/row, 2500,** $500. Larry Bottoms, Yadkin 910-631-6188 or 467-084.

- NH 237 sq. baler, narrow teeth, wide pick-up, long tooth, 2.5 kg, $295. double rake hitches for 2 rows, $850. Gay Grims, Linwood 336-853-7468.
- 1982 Ford 6010 Workmaster trac., 2 bottom plow, 6 ft disc, 36 in. scap pan & 2 small irrigation pumps, $4,000. Ronnie Hudspeth, Boones-336-682-197.
- Johnson, Yadkinville 336-961-6188.
- IH 4340 tractor, 3 Pt., $1,300, 900. Larry Bottoms, Yadkin 910-631-6188.
- NH 848 round baler, replaced air bags 3 yrs ago, GC, sheltered, 100 hp, runs good, pics. Ben Ulla 704-397-6262.
- NH 616 mower, field ready, used on approx. 500 ac, GC, $2,500. Nathaniel Watts, Lond 704-239-5907.
- First Choice finisher, 60 in, $1,000. John Randle, Shelbys, $425. Sam Weenton, Wood-704-278-2751.
- 1979 JD 4400, $340, 1983 JD 4450, $304, 1993 JD 910 rub- 

**Complete beehives; UC, 25;** Bert Joyce, Mt. Airy 336-351-4937.
- **Hay bales, EC, $12,000 OBO.** A. Furr, Winston-Salem 336-816-3987 or 953-3794.
- **Keels Bobby boiler, honey tank, 80 gal., $35.** Charles Winsett, Pin-336-349-2942.
- **Complete hive components, outerwear, tools, etc., used, $15-$65. Dave Bradley, Winston Salem 252-443-6717.
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Catawba 828-302-2101. extra parts, oem manuals, good for tractor, Tecumseh eng., not running, Salisbury 704-639-0867.

Salisbury 704-637-3122. pump that can be used w/front-end EC, $1,500. Barry & Lillie Boyles, Statesville 704-657-4000.


FC-NC, 4 on wheels, 2-900x10 corn. Roeser Poulin, Lesotho 828-254-8857.

**HORSES**

Johnny King, Advance 336-926-0249. field ready, man. incl., $2,500 OBO; front-end, 16 ft bed & 14 ft turf tires & 18.4x28, 7 total, sure grip tires, Ormond Creech, Zebulon 919-763-8919.

JD 4400 combine w/2136 harris, 704-985-3751. Auger attach. for 4,500 hrs., GC w/new parts, hydr. auger Deliv. avail. for extra fee, sheltered, sq. bales, tractor trailer loads can carry up. Work around, Bob Herndon, Liberty 336-622-1199.

1950 JD 2040 tractor, 41 hp, lg. rubber, 500 gal. tank, shed kept, 4,500 hrs., GC w/new parts, hydr. auger Deliv. avail. for extra fee, sheltered, sq. bales, tractor trailer loads can carry up. Work around, Bob Herndon, Liberty 336-622-1199.
FARMLAND

13 ac w/wasture, 33x60 garage, 2-100x30 sheds & 26x30 shed & shop, 10,000-bushel silo, 15,000-bushel dry river Pottery Mt., Airy 336-648-9878.

26 ac in Randolph Co, 7c, $30,000 price, frontage, $60,000. Randy Macoy, Ramseur 336-276-7023.

105 & 0.05 ac in Southern Division to co for lease for hunting, 4 hunters, $1,900. L.J. Smith, Southern Division, 704-273-0955.

12.9+/- ac in Rowan Co near Rockwell, planned pines, $105,000. Gary Macon, Salisbury 704-798-2208.

100 – ac in Rowan Co, barn, $2,500; freezer, $75; parts, $150. Dennis Allred, Randleman 336-964-9993.

100 – 0.6 ac in Southern Co for lease to row crop renters. James Booth, Charlotte 704-608-3100 or Candler 828-231-5877.


5.0 ac at Fisher Peak near Charlotte, 5 ac, pasture & timber & lots of extras, $30,500. Louise Kim, Kannapolis 704-560-4131.

40 ac in Randolph Co, paved road, 15 ac in Pig Hog pastures, $50 per ac; 50x120 bldgs. in plot, $30.00 per bldg., 30x40x120 tom, $30.00 per tom. Levesque, Vale 704-904-8630 or 704-904-8632.

240-9353.

Leaves & Litter, 15x48 garage, 10 ac, $1,750, 1-2+/- ac, $550. Frank Stiller, Salisbury 704-857-1279.

13.5 ac near Charlotte w/goat dairy & houses, kitchen, milking parlor, bath, birthing stalls, old pond site, needs rebuilding, $90,000. Frank Stiller, Salisbury 704-857-1279.

140 ac in Randolph Co to lease for deer hunting w/trails, hwy. entrance, conservation area, horse stable, fenced pastures & $2,400 per ac. Murray Teague, Catawba 788-466-611.

Reg. polled Hereford, average replacement type, $700; milking sires, $750; polled calves, $700-1,250. Danny Hicks, Eden 336-612-2974.

Reg. Angus calve w/bull, $1,000; $2,500 & up. Danny Dennis, Mt. Gilead 336-563-4831.

Reg. Sim-Angus bull, $750; $1,500 & up. Danny Dennis, Mt. Gilead 336-563-4831.
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Silver drip cane seed, Terry Hartung, West Jefferson 336-477-8221.

Supplies For Sale

Gourds for bird houses & crafts, $1.00/ea. & up. Denny Rollins, Statesville 704-790-4307.

Road triale trailer, 8’x18’, 3 ft dovetail w/ *up* ramps, skip, bed, 3-way dump, 40 in. wheelbase, 10K lbs, gauges, $3,250. Larry Douglass, Bolivia 704-482-5819.

Gravity fed grain boxes, fits on long bed pick up truck w/ fold down tailgate, Commer, Thomasville 336-687-2670.

Hobart 300 amp weld w/ 1/4 in. 250 ft 300 volt, 90% duty cycle, GC, $925/trade. Louis Mullins, Roaring River 336-496-4150.

Generator w/ wheel kit 10,000w, elec. & man. start, less than 25 yrs, $850, Jerry Smith, Madisonville 704-941-7971.

Unicorn grain bins, 5,000 bu., 2, 5,000, Ronnie Stewart, Stony Point 336-825-7296.

Butler grain bin, 2800 bu., GC, $2,500. Johnny Harrison, Salisbury 704-619-0667.

Water liq. tank, 1,000 gal. w/ 2 in. ball valve, 3000 lbs, GC, holds, 5 ton, GC, $900.00. GA Joseph Edmiston, Harmony 704-657-4830.

Old complete barn, 80x60, soft, dry, 2nd phase, buyer takes down, removes all materials, $2,500. Johnny Osent, Bessemer City 704-864-2961, 710-426-9242.

Portable chicken tractor, 8’x9’, $50 (four) available, 30 ft 6-in. cord needed, $40. Troy Watts, Reidsville 336-394-7295.

Gorilla wrestling, 1 gal., small mouth opening, good for juices/wines, $2/ea.; red, $2.50/ea.; regular mouth. Darrein Isley, Reidsville 336-558-0402.

FARM SUPPLIES WANTED

Polaris 600, 300 en., 14 ft dump, runs & dumps good, $2,000. Dave Blackwood, Greensboro 336-317-0831.


Tandem trailer, 15 ft, new tires, good front floor mount, 800 lbs., $1750. SB Sharpe, Greensboro 336-510-2999.

1974 Ford F600, parts, 2 & 3, 1974 Ford tractor, 24 ft, 2 & 3, 8, 3, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & others, $300. Jerzy Poty, Mt. Airy 336-441-7007.

Amish jr. utility trailer, 6,12, ok bed, home mobile home, tires & axle, $1,700. Bob Murphy, Clemmons 336-764-0114.

Hydro-bed truck bed w/ hay forks, bed only, $450.00. Ronnie Stewart, Stony Point 336-825-7296.

1999 Ram 2500, 4wd, 14, mi. on rebuilt eng. & transmission, restored, $7850; 1994 long bed ford f150, China Grove 8-405-7770.

1979 John Deere 4000, 7200 hrs, 15 ft axle, $1,000. Mark Coats, Salemburg 910-564-4808.

7000 lb. dump in skid, $3,250. Phil Bowden, Benson 910-899-9929.

Water tank, 25,000 gal., cistern to water well over islands bed of American full-size pickup, $150. Joe Holland, Knightdale 919-266-8317.


T-posts, 5x, woven wire. Burt Bell, Salisbury 704-425-2232.


Livestock trailer, 16 ft, gooseneck, EC, $4,000. Donna Ward, Nakaing 910-642-4972.

Farm trailers w/ cotton wagon type wheel configuration, rubber/tire steel wheels. E.C. Tatam, Laurel Hill 336-797-3745.

Single axle farm trailer, hauls 40 hp tractor, 14 ft, 6 inch, hydraulic auto. rate controller, $2500. Kevin Anderson, Statesville 704-930-2238.

To keep up with the latest on FARM, the Depart- ment of Agriculture and Consumer Credit, check out the department’s blog at www.ncagr.gov/farm, or follow them on social media links.
Confiscated Venus flytraps returned to their native lands

Plant only grows wild in area near Wilmington and in a small part of South Carolina

Venus flytraps, with their exotic good looks and hinged, fly-eating claws, have an innate allure that brings out both the good and bad in human beings.

Recently, the plants brought both sides together as ones taken illegally from public lands were returned by good-hearted volunteers interested in seeing this protected species continue to exist in its native North Carolina location. In fact they were so intent on helping these plants that volunteers Robert and Ruth Jones, Linda Phillips, Kathy Schlosser, Judy West and Mimi Westervelt drove more than three hours to get to the Wilmington area where the plants grow naturally. Schlosser serves as the chairperson for both the state Plant Conservation Board and the Friends of Plant Conservation.

That area, and a few acres in South Carolina, are the only places in the world where the plants grow naturally. Land development naturally threatens pockets of the plant on private land, which is a concern for conservationists. But an even bigger concern are poachers, hoping to cash in on people’s desire for the plants, who are robbing preserved lands and the greater community of these “protected” natural resources.

Outrage and concern along with a number of large thefts from public lands in the past few years has prompted recent changes in the law, making it a felony to steal plants from pub-

lic and private lands. But clearly, the problem continues.

To try to help, the state has started a project to care for it, the hope of giving them a better chance of survival on return. A second tray of plants is being cared for at the N.C. Botanical Garden, which serves as a kind of witness protection home of sorts for the plants.

If the places where we replanted are safe, we’ll plant the rest of them back out,” said David Welch, program administrator with the Plant Industry Division. “If not, we’ll look for another location.”

Seeds produced while the plants are in the care of the N.C. Botanical Garden will become part of the garden’s seed bank, which is part of national and international initiatives to con- serve the seeds of rare plants.

Their chances of survival and propagation will likely be just as dependent on staying out of the eyesight of poachers.

“Several of the spots where we intended to replant the flytraps had signs of recent poaching, which is very disheartening,” Welch said. “We don’t want to put them back in a place where we know poaching is occurring.”

While scouting new locations, Lesley Starke, a plant protection specialist with the Plant Industry Division, also revisited places where plants are known to be to get an idea of the number of plants there, and whether any areas showed signs of poaching.

As the group journeyed deeper into the woods, it seemed that the dense underbrush might offer a natural deterrent to unwanted visitors, but based on plant counts it was obvious a couple of the sites had been visited.

Protecting plants on public lands is challenging, Welch said, particularly with larger sites. For example, the Boiling Spring Lakes Preserve in Brunswick County includes nearly 7,000 acres.

Welch said getting people to understand what is at stake here is critical to conservation efforts.

“Too many people are taking too many flytraps,” Welch said. “Now they are becoming rarer and rarer. If we continue on this track, they will be wiped out.”

“People should understand that it is getting to a tipping point,” he added. “It started in the ‘90s, when there were millions of the plants. Now there are thousands. And that was just in a couple of decades. Part of the loss was due to development of private land, but now most of the plants are saved on conserved lands, and they are getting poached. It’s per- vasive and it’s getting worse.”

Welch encourages people who are interested in helping save these plants to get involved with and support organizations that are focused on flytrap conserva-
tion, such as The Nature Conservancy, Coastal Land Trust and Friends of Plant Conservation. Each one of these groups have specific initiatives focused on flytrap conservation and outreach.

Raising awareness about the plight of these plants is important, too, Welch said. If plants on public lands continue to be poached, people may not have the opportunity to see them in a natural setting. “The only place where the plants will be are places without public ac-
cess,” Welch said.

Volunteers and staff from the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Plant Industry Division recently replanted Venus flytraps that were poached from public lands in 2013. The flytraps were being cared for at Southeastern Community College in Whiteville since they were confiscated from poachers. Pictured top left, plant conservation specialist Lesley Starke preps a spot for planting. Top right, a trowel holds some of the squatty plants. Bottom left, volunteer Robert Jones, right, passes plants to Starke for replanting. Bottom right, plant conservation specialist Rob Evans, right, talks about the preserve’s terrain with volunteers.