

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: January 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Recognition - Henderson County Eco Heroes Award Program

PRESENTER: Board of Commissioners
Christine Wittmeier, Environmental Programs Supervisor

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Henderson Eco Heroes Awards Program exists to honor individuals who can serve as an example and inspire others to preserve the environmental health of Henderson County. Managed by the Henderson County Environmental Advisory Committee, members of this committee hope this award can bring environmental awareness to new people and demonstrate that a healthy environment improves the quality of life for all people. This year's recipients are Patricia Russel, Kim Bailey, and Geri Conley.

Patricia Russell serves as the Cafeteria Manager at Dana Elementary and has worked with the school community to institute a composting project, which has resulted in a significant reduction of solid waste being sent to the landfill.

Kim Bailey is a local pollinator farmer, environmental educator, and advocate for pollinators. Kim owns and operates Milkweed Meadows Farm where she grows milkweed, pawpaw, and other pollinator-friendly plants. She grows, donates, and sells milkweed and other plants to ensure that these plants are widely available for monarchs and other important pollinators for generations to come.

Geri Conley, who focuses on natural resource conservation, has been a long-time, reliable, and devoted volunteer for conservation groups in Henderson County. Geri is also an avid recycler and volunteers to curb food waste and redirect it to people who need it with IAM and the Feed the Kids program.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No specific Board Action is requested, this item is for information only.

Suggested Motion:

No motion suggested.