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LEEC-SPONSORED ENVIROTHON HELD AT BURDEN CENTER IN BATON ROUGE

The 2015 Louisiana Envirothon environmental competition was held March 14 at the LSU AgCenter Burden Museum and Gardens in Baton Rouge. Five teams from grades 9 through 12 participated in an environmental problem solving competition that consisted of testing in aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, a current issue on Urban and Community Forestry and an oral presentation. The 1st Place winners were the Baton Rouge Magnet High School Environmental Club.

See the rest of the winners at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2371/Default.aspx>.



2015 Louisiana Envirothon Participants, Courtesy LDEQ

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

VOLUNTEER MARSH GRASS PLANTING AT BIG BRANCH NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

APRIL 9-11, 2015

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) and the US Fish and Wildlife Service have partnered together to restore vulnerable marshes within the Big Branch National Wildlife Refuge System. They will be planting nearly 13,000 plugs of marsh grass during a 3 day restoration event and need volunteers to help!

Register [here](#).



Courtesy CRCL

ENVIRONMENTAL ART AND LANGUAGE ART CONTEST

Download the [entry form](#) at and find more information on [our webpage](#).

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WEBINAR: SMALL WATER SYSTEM FILTRATION ALTERNATIVES

On March 31st from 2-3:00 p.m. Eastern, EPA will hold its first in a series of monthly webinars to discuss challenges and treatment solutions for small drinking water and wastewater systems. EPA is committed to helping state and local personnel, as well as small system personnel, to deliver high quality drinking water to their customers by providing information, training, and technical assistance. This presentation will highlight case studies on innovative and commercially available drinking water treatment alternatives for small community water systems, as well as regulatory, operational, monitoring and compliance concerns.

Register at <http://capcertconnections.asdwa.org/2015/02/18/epas-office-of-research-development-to-host-small-system-web-series/>

TWO ELEPHANTS KEEP 18-WHEELER FROM TIPPING OVER IN LOUISIANA

Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's office released a statement regarding two elephants who helped prevent the 18-wheeler that was transporting them from tipping over. The truck, which was en-route to Frisco, Texas for a circus, had pulled off the side of the road on Interstate 49 near Powhattan. The driver pulled onto some ground that was softer than he thought, and the truck became stuck in the mud. When deputies arrived on the scene, they were astounded to find two elephants keeping the 18-wheeler from overturning.



Courtesy Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office

Read the whole story at <http://abcnews.go.com/US/elephants-rescue-stuck-18-wheeler-louisiana/story?id=29883947>

THIS WEEK AT INTERIOR

This week, Department of Interior the Secretary Jewell laid out her vision for a safe, secure and prosperous future for American energy and outlined energy reforms that will encourage innovation and protect America's public lands and waters for future generations.

See the video at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VUU_z9dIR0

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