Daniel Boone SWCD Highlights:

- The District has been hosting the Fish Wagon. The Fish Wagon travels throughout many southeastern states during warm seasons enabling local landowners the opportunity to stock their ponds with a variety of fish.
- The District has currently obligated approximately $950,000 of PY 2022 VACS cost-share funds. District staff is working on obligating the remaining funds ($300,000).
- The District continues to administer the Virginia Erosion and Sediment Control Program on behalf of Lee County. Program administration, plan reviewing, and making inspections are duties that the District performs.
- The District has begun leasing its new Great Plains 706-NT no-till seeder to local farmers and landowners. This equipment was purchased last September through the Virginia Agricultural BMP Loan Program.
Daniel Boone SWCD Highlights:

- The District made soil babies with the students from Dryden Elementary School during its Parent Night event on March 1, 2022.
**Evergreen SWCD Highlights:**

- March 24, 2022—Evergreen SWCD met with Smyth County Board of Supervisors to explain the benefits to Smyth County through the Evergreen/NRCS office.
- Evergreen SWCD is currently working with the following programs/grants:
  - National Fish & Wildlife Foundation project
  - North Fork of the Holston River TMDL grant program
  - Possible VCAP project
  - No-Till Seeder rental program
  - Evergreen SWCD scholarship program and VACS projects

**New River SWCD Highlights:**

- The New River SWCD is working with area landowners to complete VACS projects.
- We have allocated 80% of trees for Re-Leaf Project.
- The district has allocated 90% of funds for the Chestnut Creek TMDL project.
- The district is planning their Annual Earth Day Field Day events with participation form four area schools.
- New River SWCD has several field days planned at New River Hill Education Farm for the spring in the hoophouse and with newly arriving cattle.

**Scott County SWCD Highlights:**

- The equipment rental program is off to a great start this spring. The district has 2 No-Till Drills and a lime spreader, which are staying booked for the spring.
- The Erosion and Sediment Program has 10 active permits open and 17 Agreements in Lieu of a Plan.
- All of the BMP allocation has been allocated and are continuously receiving, entering new applications hoping for extra cost share dollars.
Big Walker SWCD Highlights:

- Big Walker SWCD met with the Bland County Board of Supervisors in February and Wythe County Board of Supervisors in March to showcase the projects we have completed in the respective counties. We highlighted items like the total feet of fencing and pipeline installed, the total acreage of riparian forest buffer installed and protected from livestock, total number of alternative livestock waterers installed, school programs we have completed and community service projects we have worked on.

- Big Walker SWCD in partnership with local Farm Bureaus in Wythe and Bland Counties and local Farm Credit participated in Ag Literacy Week activity and read this year's book “Tales of the Dairy Godmother” Chuck's Ice Cream Wish to PreK-3rd graders is both Wythe and Bland Counties.

- The District is promoting its mineral feeder program to local farmers and the No-Till Drill rental program.

- The District is working with landowners to complete VACS projects that have funding obligated.

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