COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY
Saturday April 27
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Creekside Park
214 Park Drive, Archdale

Participants of all ages had a chance to view samples of bugs through magnifying glasses before heading out to look for local specimens. The rain-swollen banks of Muddy Creek, City Engineer D. Johnson explained, allow the park’s terrain to catch the problem. In conjunction with multiple environmental organizations, Creek Week from April 12 to April 13 provided an opportunity to educate residents and to build awareness of the importance of our water resources. In addition to the Creek Walk at the recreation center, Creek Week also included a Deep River Paddle Cleanup, a tour of Piedmont Triad Regional Water Authority and Walmart drew special recognition from Snider as significant contributors. "A lot of good organizations are here,” Snider said. “Each of our biggest contributors gave at least $1,000 toward the event. They get it. They get what it’s all about.”

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“It's a total of $2,041.68. That is for one month.” Hinson said. “It used to be that it didn't cost us, and we even made $1,000 a year, if that. Now there's no money in it.”

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Members of the Trinity High School FFA department will be on hand to help shoppers make selections from an array of plants suitable to the region and season. Here, Madeline Richardson spruces up greenhouse plants for the sale.

Perennials are $5 and $6. Hanging baskets are $12 and are suitable for Mother’s Day gift giving. Visit the greenhouses from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 to choose from a variety of flowering plants, shrubs, garden starts, shrubs and trees. Proceeds will go to fund agricultural programs. Trinity High School is at 5746 Trinity High School Drive.

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Nathan Welch tends to hanging baskets filled with geraniums, petunias and ferns.