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Water Festival, Motor, Scholarship

Shayla Thorsland, right and Sierra Reid, both fourth graders at Centennial School in Fargo, work with a water transparency tube during one of the sessions at the Red River Water Festival Thursday at the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead. The three-day festival enables students to learn how to gather information needed to make informed decisions about water use and protection. About 1,800 students in 68 third- and fourth-grade classes from Fargo, Moorhead, West Fargo, Dilworth, Barnesville, Minn., and Lake Park-Audubon, Minn., participated in the three day festival that ended Thursday. Bruce Crummy / The Forum



The above picture and story were in today's (Friday) Fargo Forum. Local television stations also covered the event. The Red River Water Festival is now one of the largest water festivals in the

United States. Thanks to all the sponsors, especially the Environmental Protection Agency, for their support. A special BIG thanks goes to the 150 presenters and other volunteers who made the three days possible. Presenters came from as far away as Bismarck and St Paul. Very SPECIAL presenters included high school River Watch students from Barnesville, Hawley, Win-E-Mac, and Fertile. Volunteers did everything from setting up canopies to assembling class packets. This year's festival included an optional ½ day of outdoor sessions, including learning how to use a transparency tube, which is pictured above.

Other good news this week includes the apprehension of the thief and recovery of the Honda outboard motor that was stolen from us last month. A big thanks to the Fargo Police Department.

Darrick Weissenfluh is the recipient of the 2004 - 2005 River Keepers scholarship. River Keepers and former River Keepers' board member, Jay Leitch, fund the scholarship. The scholarship is presented annually to an NDSU

Natural Resources Management (NRM) student. The NRM students annually maintain about 450 wood duck nesting boxes located along the Red River as a part of River Keepers Cavity Replacement project.

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