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ple involved, we can get a start," he commented.

Now retired, he wants to do what he can to make the community better.

"When a man's got free time, why not do something like this?" he asked.

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The UGWA won the Golden Garbage Can Award at the West Virginia Watershed Network's Watershed Celebration Day at Elkins recently.

The UGWA collected over 150 tons of recyclable scrap metal during its annual appliance drive. Volunteers picked up nearly 10 tons of trash along area streams.

Also, the UGWA has received a \$25,000 grant from the Canaan Valley Institute to do design work on wastewater treatment systems for two or three communities.

The group will also be involved in trout stocking on Oct. 22 and Oct. 29.

Watershed organization to form in Oceana

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A stream cleanup group is forming on the county's western end.

The Upper Clear Fork Watershed Association will host an organizational meeting on Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Hardee's in Oceana.

Inspired by the work of the Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association in the Mullens area, Douglas Prichard of Oceana decided to do something similar.

"Since the flood (in 2001),

we've had an overwhelming amount of garbage in the county," Prichard said. "It took its toll on everybody.

"The only way I see to get rid of it," he added, "is to jump in and help the county commission."

Prichard approached Kelly Jo Drey of the UGWA about forming the group.

"I suggested to him that he host a meeting where anyone from the community would be welcome to come and brainstorm," said Drey. "I think the fact that other people have heard about what

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**Kelly Jo Drey
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we're doing and are interested in doing the same thing means we're being successful in our outreach and raising awareness of water quality issues."

Drey said she had contacted the Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Stream Partners about providing representatives for this week's meeting.

Prichard invited Pineville and Baileysville area residents to attend the meeting and form their own groups.

"With four groups working, you'd be surprised how much work we could do," he stated.

Prichard said the UCFWA will meet monthly and assign work on a weekly basis.

"There's no limit to the amount of people we could use," he noted. "Anyone who could work one hour a week or one hour a month could help."

"One of the issues Mr.

Prichard talks about is solid waste," Drey observed. "That's something that everybody in Wyoming County agrees on—it's not nice when there's trash all over the place. We need to have groups out there who stress the importance of a clean community and encouraging people to dispose of their trash properly."

Prichard said he has been working on establishing the UCFWA for three months. "If we can just get a few peo-

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