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Here comes Santa Claus

The annual Clinton Christmas Parade was held last Saturday through downtown Clinton on Market and Main Streets. Santa Claus made his appearance, as is tradition, bringing up the rear of the parade riding a Clinton firetruck. — William Drew Leinart

Giving hope

Carol Moore is Starfish recipient

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Hope.

Not something you take lightly growing up in Briceville.

But hope has gotten a boost in this former mining community.

Students at Briceville Elementary School have learned to embrace their coal mining roots, to take pride in being a "Briceville student," and to realize a college education is possible.

Thanks in large part to the



Carol Moore accepts her Starfish Award from Rick Morrow, left, of the Anderson County Interagency Coalition. — Ken Leinart

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Jonathan Sharp with Carol Moore. — Ken Leinart

Coal Creek Watershed Foundation and the work it does in securing the history of the town, or land and water reclamation projects, and of providing scholarships for high school graduates who hail from Briceville.

Carol Moore, the "go to" person with the Foundation was honored Wednesday as the 2014 recipient of the Anderson County Interagency Coalition Starfish Award.

As Bear Stephenson read off a list of accomplishments of this year's winner, Moore, sitting with Watershed Foundation founder Barry Thacker, said she thought the award was going to the man sitting beside her.

"I thought they were going to give it Barry," Moore said when she accepted the award. While she wasn't aware she was going to get the award, Moore said she knew something was up.

"When all these people we know started showing up, I knew something was going on," she said.

It's the Foundation's, and Moore's, work with the Coal Creek Scholars that was brought up more than any other act the Foundation does.

Kyle Leinart, a recipient of one of the Coal Creek Scholarships said the work Moore and the Foundation do, "Bring hope to us ... A ton of hope and a brighter future."

Another Coal Creek Scholar, Johnathan Sharp, said because of the work of the Foundation, receiving an education was made into a reality.

"I knew I was going to college ... Somehow I was going to go," he said.

Moore, in typical fashion, shrugged off the praise and noted the students earned their education.

Rick Morrow, who headed the ceremony, said the work of people like Moore has a ripple affect.

"There are 36 scholarships that affect 36 people and those 36 people ... To give them a better life ... And those 36 people will affect their children and grandchildren. It grows," he said.