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"I wasn't aware of how much it affects our streams and creeks," she said. "Part of the creek down by Fulton and Kroger is part of our watershed, and it is horrible. There is a lot of trash in there."

There are several ways restaurants can add to pollution problems, according to Friends of First Creek literature the students distributed. Some restaurants dispose of spoiled food into storm drains, thinking it doesn't matter because food is biodegradable. It is, but the viruses and bacteria in the food can survive and pollute the ground water.

Dumpsters are cited as a major source of pollution. Liquids in them can leak into the ground. Rain can wash through an open Dumpster and carry contaminants into the ground. Animals can get into them and scatter food or other trash. All this is compounded if the Dumpster is near a creek or storm drain.

Some measures Friends of First Creek recommends for restaurants include:

- Do not dispose of food or food by-products in a storm drain. Use drains connected to a sanitary sewer system.
- Dumpsters should not be placed near storm drains or creeks. Their lids should be kept closed. Leaky bags or liquids should not be put in them. Their drain plugs should be maintained and areas around the Dumpster should be kept clean.
- Don't clean parking lots by spraying with water. Sweep them instead.
- Clean floor mats, air filters, air vents, range hoods, meat trays, garbage cans and other equipment in a mop sink or near a floor drain connected to a sanitary sewer.

Students receiving above-and-beyond awards for their efforts in the Business Outreach program were Elizabeth Litton, Jessica Ottinger, Logan Chandler, Sylvia Schmichel, Maggie Noe, Philip Rieger and Jared Spradling, all of Central.

Students getting honorable mentions were Lindsay Renfro, Kate Mitchell and Jennifer Wylie, all of Central; and Deena Stevenson of Fulton. Others in the program were Fulton students Nikki Parrot, Robert Wright and Megan Collins.

Restaurants finishing the project were Fountain City Creamery and Restaurant, Nixon's Deli, Ruby Tuesday, Pazzoli's, Austin's, Captain D's, Krystal, Shoney's Burger King, Papa John's Pizza, Cancun Mexican Restaurant, Long John Silver's Seafood Restaurant and Original Louis Drive In Restaurant.

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Fashion show set

CLINTON - The Timely Topics Club of Clinton will have its annual fashion show and luncheon at noon Tuesday, May 22, at the Clinton Community Center.

Janice Ann Fashions, 903 East Emory Road, Knoxville, will present the fashion show. Models are Jamie Lynch, Marilyn Birdwell, Pam Rainey, Ohana Fox, Betsy Graves, Connie Elliott, Nancy Large, Mary Crowder, Carol Long and Zane Conner.

Judy Dodd of Oak Ridge will cater the lunch. Cost is $10, and guests are invited. The deadline for reservations is Friday, May 18.

To make reservations or for more information, call Ethel Taylor at 457-0405 by Friday, May 13.