

Cherokee cleans up 5 streams

Georgia Adopt-A-Stream honors 2 workers for improving water quality

By Ashley Fuller

afuller@cherokeetribune.com

Five Cherokee County streams have been removed from the Environmental Protection Division's list of impaired waters in Georgia.

The Etowah River from Sharp Mountain Creek to Lake Allatoona and Long Swamp Creek, Rubes Creek, Sharp Mountain Creek and Shoal Creek have all been delisted in recognition of improvements in their water quality.

Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority employees Jennifer Lowe, a lab analyst,

and Lori Forrester, watershed coordinator, were honored by Georgia Adopt-A-Stream for their monitoring efforts that led to the delisting. The Adopt-A-Stream Watershed Award also recognized their educational outreach work.

Ms. Lowe said the authority through monitoring of the streams discovered the causes of high levels of fecal coliform in them.

Some of the causes included cattle that were able to wander into Long Swamp Creek and manure

See **Streams**, Page 3A



Cherokee Tribune/Samantha Wilson

Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority lab analyst Jennifer Lowe of Canton, left, and watershed coordinator Lori Forrester of Woodstock perform bacteria sampling at Shoal Creek. Their monitoring efforts have led the Environmental Protection Division to remove five streams — including Shoal Creek — from its list of impaired waters. The streams were on the EPD list because of high levels of fecal coliform.

