

***Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District***

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**Big Canoe Challenge**

Highlands Soil and Water Conservation District sponsored a canoe in the Big Canoe Challenge a fund raising event for the Ridge Trails Association. Twelve teams competed in the event. The funds raised from the challenge will be used to help accomplish the mission of the Ridge Trails Association to build in excess of 450 miles of equestrian, canoeing, hiking, hiking and shared use trails in Highlands County.

The canoe challenge was an exercise in teamwork. Talk about teamwork we had to assemble a team just minutes before our canoe took off. Jackie Bailey, office manager, Erin McCarta, Lakes Manager Assistant, along with friends Kevin Wolcott and Luke Anderson began searching for more team members to help paddle the canoe. Luckily, five spectators at the contest joined us in our canoe. Stephanie Delbert, Norine Dowd, Connie Johnston, Paul Elliott and Gil Riordan stepped up to take the big challenge. Thanks a million we could not have done it with out you!!! We missed third place by a very small margin.