

## *America Recycles 2004 State Grand Prize Winner*



*Seneca, December 10, 2004:* Oconee County Solid Waste is pleased to announce that the America Recycles 2004 State Grand Prize Winner hails from Oconee County. Shelby Moore of Fair Play is the winner of the \$1,000 Grand Prize sponsored by the South Carolina Soft Drink Association. A representative from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control presented the Prize to Ms. Moore on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at the Solid Waste Complex. All members of the press were invited to attend the ceremony.



America Recycles 2004 is a national initiative reminding us that recycling works and that each of us has an important role to play in making recycling a success. Part of the promotion of America Recycles 2004 included challenge cards that Oconee Solid Waste made available at local festivals, schools, and at all County Convenience Centers. Residents were asked to take the recycling challenge and sign a card expressing their support. Collected cards were entered into a State and National drawing. The State Grand Prize for 2004 was \$1,000 from the South Carolina Soft Drink Association. The National

Prize for 2004 is a hybrid Ford Escape, and the award winner should be announced in December.

### *America Recycles Day*

In recognition of America Recycles 2004, Oconee Solid Waste, held its Second Annual America Recycles Day Adventure for 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year, 4<sup>th</sup> graders from Walhalla area schools participated in crafts and other activities relating to waste reduction, recycling, and littering at the Shaver Center in Seneca. Students rotated from station to station, learning through hands-on activities.



Events such as these are planned to energize community recycling programs and to encourage buying recycled products. State Recycling Teacher of the Year, School of the Year and Student of the Year awards will be announced in the near future. Thursday evening, December 9, at 7:00pm, Oconee Solid Waste presented America Recycles 2004 prizes to Northside Elementary School at their holiday concert, for their outstanding support of the program. Almost 75% of Northside's students took the challenge to recycle and buy recycled by signing America Recycles cards.

