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Scott Fraker Knoxville resident Lauren Mayes, with her children, Katelyn and Austin, look at plants from Erin's Meadow Herb Farm.

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OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — Lots of people turned out for Earth Day 2009 at A.K. Bissell Park outside the Oak Ridge Civic Center Saturday.

Visitors described the festival as much bigger than last year's event.

This community celebration was free, educational, and family-friendly, with more than 100 exhibitors — businesses, civic and environmental organizations, churches, educational institutions, and government agencies — providing booths with information, activities, and products to help attendees identify and act on ways to reduce their impact on the planet.

Earth Day 2009 was designed to be zero-waste, incorporating waste minimization in the planning, with all trash to be recycled or composted to the extent possible. Exhibitors are reducing waste by limiting handouts and disposable fare, and food vendors are using only compostable food service items.

The celebration included food, musical entertainment, children's activities, and vendors.

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Area people celebrated Earth Day 2009 at A.K. Bissell Park Saturday. Above, preparing to plant trees in the park are, Greg Weaver, from left, president of the Tennessee Chapter of The American Chestnut Foundation, Josh Collins, Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Department director, Mayor Tom Bashon, and Angie Polou, Earth Day coordinator.

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Above, lots of children turned out for activities planned for them. At right, Knoxville resident Lauren Mayes, with her children, Katelyn and Austin, look at plants from Erin's Meadow Herb Farm.

