



Okmulgee County Conservation District

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Bankers Honor Conservationists

Dwane Thompson, Chairman of the Okmulgee County Conservation District, announces the honorees of the thirty-second Okmulgee County Conservation Award of Honor Banquet. The honorees are Nunley Farms and Prescott and Charla Davis. These individuals are honored for their soil conservation efforts. The banquet will be held on November 20, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Green Country Technology Center.

This award is made every second year and is sponsored by the Okmulgee County Conservation District and the banks of Okmulgee County. Tickets are available at the sponsoring banks and at the conservation district. You may also contact the conservation district and have tickets mailed to you.

The Okmulgee County Conservation District Board of Directors wish to thank the banks of Okmulgee County, their partners in conservation.

**Okmulgee County
Plat Books are
now available for
\$45**

OCCD Announces Poster and Speech Contest Winners

After viewing hundreds of beautiful posters, the poster judging team for the Okmulgee County Conservation District announces the county's first, second and third place winners.

The poster theme was "Water is Life." Laura Putman of Dewar Elementary school received the first place ribbon for her poster entitled "Little Hands Big Change." Laura will receive a one hundred dollar savings bond for her work.

Blake Martin of Beggs won the second place ribbon for his poster entitled "Think Outside the Sink" and Garret Floyd of Wilson won third for "STOP the drip and conserve." Blake and Garret will each receive a fifty dollar savings bond.

All of these poster had a strong conservation message and a lot of creativity at work. Laura's poster will advance to the area contest where it will compete against all the counties of north-east Oklahoma.

The Morris and Okmulgee FFA Chapters participated in OCCD's speech contest. Again the theme for the speeches was "Water is Life." The contest is divided into two divisions:

Division I for ninth and tenth grade students and Division II for eleventh and twelfth grade students. The first and second place speakers in both divisions will advance to the area contest which will be held in Wagoner in November.

The Division I first place winner is Chelsea Johnson of Morris and second place winner is Dillon Potter of Okmulgee. The Division II first place winner is Mari Healy of Okmulgee and the second place winner is Jaimee Malone of Morris.

Contest Coordinator Rhnea Stoy would like to thank all the students who participated in these contests and thank the teachers and judges who promoted and assisted with the contests.

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Of Beggs**

**Citizens Security Bank
Of Okmulgee**

**First National Bank
Of Henryetta & Okmulgee**

Morris State Bank

Conservation District Seeking Abandoned Oil Well Sites

In partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, the Okmulgee County Conservation District rehabilitates abandoned oil well sites. ODEQ has awarded Okmulgee County Conservation District a one hundred thousand dollar contract to reclaim these damages sites as well as administer other recycling support programs such as Christmas tree recycling.

The District is actively seeking abandoned oil damaged sites for this program. The reclamation is provided at no cost or commitment from the land owner. If you have a site please contact the District office at 918-756-8111 for a site evaluation.

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Natural Resource Days Provided to Local Schools

Okmulgee County Conservation District hosted two natural resource days at Okmulgee's Kiddy Lake in early October for the fifth grade students from Morris, Wilson, Beggs, Preston & Twin Hills schools. Henryetta, Dewar and Okmulgee schools are invited to participate in the spring of the year.

The topics demonstrated were erosion control along stream banks, presented by Rick Clovis of Creek Nation 4-H, Ron Goedecke and Rishell Bowler of NRCS; macro invertebrates in rivers and streams by Scott Grant from Tulsa County Conservation District; pollution prevention techniques in a watershed by Cheryl Cheadle, state director of Blue Thumb project and Toby Ferrel of Morris State Bank; how a wetland works by Lori Jones from U.S. Fish and Wildlife; Incredible Journey water cycle activity by Rishell Bowler from NRCS; fishing clinic by Danny Bowen and staff from the State Fish Hatchery.

For more information about the Natural Resource days or OCCD's other conservation education programs, contact Rhnea Stoy at 756-8111.



Left: Fishing Clinic provided by Danny Bowen, State Fish Hatchery



Right: Rishell Bowler demonstrates how a riparian area along a stream bank limits erosion.

Conservation Assistance

Our locally-based Natural Resources Conservation Service staff works directly with farmers, ranchers, and others, to provide technical and financial conservation assistance. Our guiding principles are service, partnership, and technical excellence.

NRCS helps landowners develop conservation plans and provides advice on the design, layout, construction, management, operation, maintenance, and evaluation of the recommended, voluntary conservation practices.

NRCS activities include farmland protection, upstream flood prevention, emergency watershed protection, urban conservation, and local community projects designed to improve social, economic, and environmental conditions.

NRCS conducts soil surveys, conservation needs assessments, and the National Resources Inventory to provide a basis for resource conservation planning activities and to provide an accurate assessment of the condition of the Nation's private lands.

Services and programs provided by the conservation district, NRCS & ODEQ are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, marital status or physical disability.

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