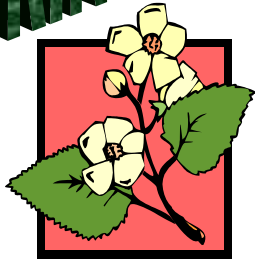


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### Stoy Receives Conservation Education Award

At the annual meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service honored Rhnea Stoy of the Okmulgee County Conservation District for her conservation education work. State Conservationist, Ron Hilliard presented Stoy with the Conservation Educator of the Year Award.

In 2008 Stoy expanded the conservation education activities of the conservation district by coordinating youth events such as hands on activities at the Okmulgee County Fair, Girl Scout Troops and after school programs. In 2008 Stoy brought the OACD poster and speech contests back to Okmulgee County and plans to bring back the essay contest in 2009. Stoy reorganized the annual Natural Resource Days the conservation district provides the fifth grade students of the county. To provide information about the conservation district and its programs to the public at large, Stoy set up booths at special events such as the fair and Henryetta's Dee Boone Days, and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Stoy is also working on a website to provide information on demand to the public.



### Staff and Directors Attend State OACD Meeting

The OACD hosts the annual meeting for conservation district directors and employees and NRCS conservationists in Oklahoma City. The theme for the 2009 meeting was "Planting the Seeds for the Future – New Horizons Bring New Challenges." The three day meeting included the state finals in the speech contests, youth and conservation partners awards, concurrent educational sessions, organizational meetings, and a trade show.

Among the guest speakers were the Honorable Jari Askins, Oklahoma Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Terry Peach, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. David Shideler, OSU Assistant Professor and Extension Economist, and J.D. Strong, Secretary of Environment. Those representing Okmulgee County were Dwane Thompson, Conservation District Chair, Butch Burgess, OCCD board member, Ronald Goedecke, NRCS District Conservationist, Rhnea Stoy, District Secretary, Billy Grammer, Equipment Manager, and Bob Fain, Equipment Operator.

The OACD, Oklahoma Conservation Commission, the local conservation districts, the Natural Resources Conservation Service celebrate a continued partnership in conservation with mutual support, cooperation and respect.

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.

### 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. The District is actively seeking abandoned oil damaged sites for this program.

"The best part of this program is that the reclamation is provided at no cost or commitment from the land owner," states Bill Grammer, Equipment Manager for the Okmulgee County Conservation District. If you have a site please contact Mr. Grammer at 918-756-8111 for a site evaluation.

Below: Bill Grammer operates at track hoe at a 2008 reclamation site.



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## Public Hearing scheduled for OCCD Long Range Plan

The Directors and staff of the District and the NRCS are working on compiling their plan of operations for the next five years. This plan includes the mission of the conservation district, the local agricultural trends and the conservation district's strategies to address those trends. It names the natural resource concerns for the area, the priorities and goals for those concerns and the education priorities and goals. It also contains proposed long range budgetary needs.

A public hearing for this plan is scheduled for June 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. at the Conservation District office at 718 E. 8th Street, Suite B, in Okmulgee. The directors and staff are interested in your comments. They have compiled a questionnaire to serve as a guide for information they are needing. If you would like to participate by completing this questionnaire, please return it to the district office at the above address or e-mail it to Okmulgeeccd@conservation.ok.gov. If you would like a full sized questionnaire sent to you may request one by calling 918-756-8111.

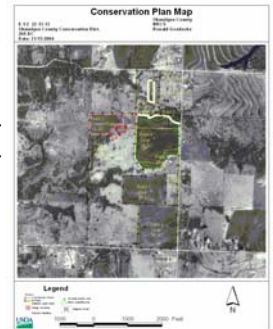
**Questionnaire**

- What the good aspects of our present programs?
- What are we doing right?
- What are the big holes in our present programs?
- What could we do better?
- What worries do you have about the Okmulgee County Conservation District of the Natural Resources Conservation Service?
- How would you fix the problem?
- What do you feel is the most important natural resource concern for Okmulgee County?
- If you are an agricultural land user, what is your biggest natural resource concern?
- How much property do you own?
- How much property do you rent?
- Do you currently have a conservation plan?
- What is your profession?

The answers you provide will help us develop the long range direction of the Okmulgee County Conservation District.

## What is a Conservation Plan?

A conservation plan is a written record of your management decisions and the conservation practices you plan to use and maintain on your farm. Carrying out your plan will achieve the goals of protecting the environment on and off your farm or ranch, as well as meeting your individual management objectives. After soil, water, air, plant and animal resources on your property are inventoried and evaluated, the Certified Conservation Planner will review several alternatives for you to consider. The alternatives you select are recorded in the conservation plan, which becomes your roadmap for better management of your natural resources.



A Conservation Plan Includes:

- Producer/landowner determined objectives & goals
- Aerial photograph of diagram of your fields
- Soils map and soils descriptions
- Resource inventory data which can include forage or crop production potential, or potential livestock-carrying capacity
- List of your treatment decisions
- Location and schedule for applying conservation practices and systems
- Plan of operation and maintenance of conservation practices.

If you are interested in developing a conservation plan or updating an existing one, contact the Okmulgee field office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service at 918-756-0850.

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