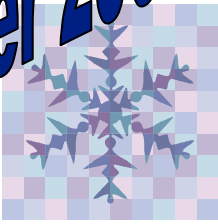


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### Locally Lead Cost Share Program Introduces two new Practices

The Okmulgee County Conservation District recently conducted a survey aimed at the ascertaining the conservation concerns of the Okmulgee County producers. This survey was conducted at the Farm Services Agency meeting on November 6 and the Banker's Awards Banquet on November 20. The results of this survey showed the conservation district's board of directors that an overwhelming majority of the producers were concerned about brush and weed management. That being the case the board of directors requested that the Oklahoma Conservation Commission board allow Okmulgee County to add seven species of brush and two species of weeds to our Locally Led Cost Share Program. On January 5th the Commission met and granted the OCCD request. Program year 10 of the Locally Led Cost Share Program was announced in December with Okmulgee County receiving a record allocation of \$24,000.00 for conservation practices. The approved practices for Okmulgee County are: pond construction, pasture planting, brush management and pest management

Okmulgee County  
Plat Books are  
available for \$45

#### Burgess honored for service

Elmer "Butch" Burgess of the Wilson community was recently honored at an area meeting of the Oklahoma Association of Conservation Districts for his service of five years on the Okmulgee County Conservation District's Board of Directors. Butch is active in the promotion of the conservation district's programs and serves as their representative to the Cross Timbers RC&D board. Butch runs a cow calf operation and custom baling and hay operation. Butch serves on the Schuller water board and Henryetta's Water Advisory Committee. He is a member of the Henryetta Church of the Nazarene.

The approved brush management species are Post Oak, Honey Locust, Blackberry, Hawthorne, Persimmon, Blackjack and Winged Elm. The approved pest management species are Musk Thistle and Sericea Lespedeza. The sign up for this program will be at the Okmulgee County Conservation District office at 719 E. 8th Street in Okmulgee on February 2—13, 2009.

**Cost Share Sign-up Dates:  
February 2—13, 2009**

### 2008 Bankers awards banquet

In November, 2008 the banks of Okmulgee County and the Okmulgee County Conservation District honored two Okmulgee County producers who have shown a great love for the land by being very proactive in putting conservation practices on the ground. These honorees were the Nunley Farms and Prescott and Charla Davis. The conservation district board of directors wish to thank these individuals for all of their hard work.



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dwane Thompson, Chair  
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 Tom Porter, Secretary-Treasurer  
 Robert Pinkston, Jr., Member  
 Elmer 'Butch' Burgess, Member

**Tree Chipping Offered**

The Okmulgee County Conservation District and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality partnered up once again to offer Christmas tree disposal as a free service to Okmulgee residence. This service has been offered for many years now and the residence have come to look forward to this means of disposing of their tree. The OCCD phone began ringing immediately after Christmas with requests for tree pick-up. Equipment Manager Bill Grammer stated that this year has seen a higher volume of trees that any that he could recall.

**Conservation Education brought to Okmulgee's Kindergarten Class**

OCCD District Secretary, Rhnea Stoy and Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge Recreation Director, Lori Jones introduced the one hundred forty kindergarten students of Okmulgee Primary to some of the wildlife and aquatic life of Oklahoma. Ms. Jones brought the furs of various native animals such as the deer, bobcat, beaver, and raccoon for the children to examine. Mrs. Stoy brought an aquarium with a variety of Oklahoma aquatic species such as catfish, perch, and fresh water shrimp.

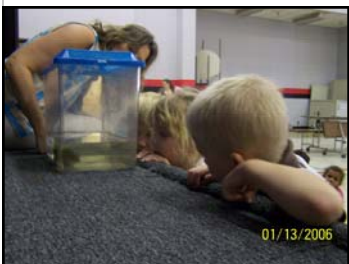
**Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program**

The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a Natural Resources Conservation Service program which assists landowners with the development and improvement of wildlife habitat on private lands. Wildlife is one of Oklahoma's natural resource treasures; the interest of landowners in WHIP and cooperation by technical experts to implement the program are testimony to that fact.

With financial assistance through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program and technical assistance from the NRCS and its partners, private landowners are restoring, enhancing and creating habitat for prairie chicken, bobwhite quail, white tail deer, wild turkey, bald eagles and dozens of migratory bird species. The restoration and protection of riparian areas are improving aquatic habitats for rare prairie fish as well as game fish like largemouth bass, blue gill and channel cat.

Interested landowners should contact Ronald Goedecke, District Conservationist for Okmulgee County and he will assist you in developing a conservation plan that will improve the land for wildlife habitat as well as compatible for l i v e s t o c k u s e .

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, martial status or physical disability.



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