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**ARKANSAS COUNTY  
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**Conservation News**

**District Directors:**

Johnny Holzauer, David Hillman, Lester McKinley, James Phillips, Tom Roth

**District Coordinator:** Ruth Cunningham

**District Technician:** Lee Gray

**NRCS Employees:**

Marshall Hancock, Joe Wilson, Jade West



2010, 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Newsletter

## AWARDS



Lester A. McKinley was recognized as Director of the Year. Awarded by the Arkansas Association of Conservation District Employees at the annual meeting in Eureka Springs



Ryan C., a senior at DeWitt High School received the conservation district scholarship of \$250.00. This makes her eligible to compete in the East Central Area and the State level contests. The essay was titled "Aquifers and How They Work". Good luck Ryan.

Natural Resources Conservation Service recognized Samantha Jo Bisswanger as Volunteer of the year. District Conservationist, Marshall Hancock presents her this award



George Dunklin received the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts Outstanding Conservationist-Community Leader for 2009. Presented by AACD President, Andrew Wargo III.



## 2010 Youth Conservation Workshop

The Arkansas County Conservation District and the Arkansas Association of Conservation Districts (AACD) conducts an annual summer Youth Conservation Workshop for students entering the 9th thru 12th grade from across the state. The date of the camp is 06/27/10 until 07/02/10 at Camp Clearfork, Mt. Ida near Hot Springs, AR. Students are nominated by the local County Conservation District to attend a week of outdoor hands on educational experiences dealing with natural resources. Life skills, water resources, forestry, soils, a farm tour and potential career opportunities are the emphasis areas with two \$500 scholarships and a laptop presented to the top participants each year. There is no cost to the participants except for travel to and from the workshop. Students will have multiple hands-on opportunities for canoeing, boat safety instructions and team building. If you know of a student who would be interested in participating, they can stop by their high school counselor or contact the Arkansas County Conservation District office for more information or visit [www.aracd.org](http://www.aracd.org) under youth activities.

### NEW DISTRICT TECHNICIAN

#### LEE GRAY RETIRES

Lee decided it would be more fun RVing with her husband rather than working with us. I have to agree it sounds more fun but I sure do miss her. On the bright side, you will be hearing a new voice when you call the office. Jamie Hornbeck will be working part-time for us.

### "THANK YOU WATER USERS"

Water registration for 2009 ended March, 1, 2010. Lee and I appreciate everyone coming in and signing up your watering points. We realize it can be difficult getting in on an appointed time and we try to work with you the best we can. So thank you to all and we wish you a prosperous 2010. Ruth & Lee



## NO 2010 COST-SHARE MONEY FOR PIPE

At this time the Conservation District will not have a cost-share program for pipe. The money is not Available at this time. We hope to pick this program up again in 2011. I know some of you have signed up for pipe drops and I do apologize for any inconvenience. As soon as money becomes available I will let you know.  
*Ruth*

# NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE



## EQIP DOLLARS AT WORK

Terry Whiting (Whiting Drier Farm, Inc)  
2009 EQIP

NRCS provided cost share on this pit reservoir construction, pipe drops, relift system and pipeline. Excavation by S & B Irrigation.

Each year when we sell pecans we make up a few receipts to give to the folks that buy from us. This is one of my favorites.

### Butter Pecan Muffins

1 ½ cups self-rising flour  
½ cup brown sugar  
¾ cup milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup chopped pecans  
1 egg  
¼ cup butter, melted

Combine flour, pecans and brown sugar in a mixing bowl; set aside. Mix together egg, milk, butter and vanilla; add all at once to flour mixture. Stir only until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon into greased muffin pan, filling 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes or until golden brown.

Yield: 10 muffins

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