



KENTUCKY SHINES!!

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This is a great way to get to know your co-workers and what is happening in our sister counties.

Who's in the Limelight'?!'

WANDA STEVENS - SPENCER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Hello my name is Wanda Stevens. I began working for the Spencer County Conservation District in March 1999 as a Conservation Aide. This was a part-time position; 20 hours a week. My husband and I ran a dairy until July 2009, so part-time was about all I could handle. In December 2007, Glenda Moudy retired as the Administrative Secretary and I was fortunate enough to fill her position.

I definitely enjoy working with the staff and the landowners who come in for our programs. We are the sole administrator for the County Agricultural Investment Program (C.A.I.P.) in Spencer County. The District Board also began a Forage Program to pick up the cost of fertilizer that C.A.I.P. did not pay on this year.

I am married to Mike Stevens; we will be married 39 years this month. We have three children and five grandchildren. We operate my family farm as well as our own farm. Since giving up the dairy operation, due to our health problems and low milk prices, we now run beef cattle on both farms. We also raised tobacco until the buyout. So I can definitely

identify with the farmers and their needs when they come into the office.

At home, I love to spend time with our grandchildren, collect antiques, and just be outside – working in the flowers and gardening. My husband and I love to ride ATV's on the farm. I also love our collie dogs (which we try to raise and sell puppies) and our little house dog which is a Shih Tzu and spoiled rotten.

I could have never found a job that I love any more than working here for the Spencer County Conservation District!

Awards Committee Chairperson Notes: Wanda is a dedicated, hardworking employee. Keep up the good work!

EMILY KNIGHT - MUHLENBERG COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT



Hello, my name is Emily Knight. I am the new Administrative Secretary for the Muhlenberg County Conservation District. I was hired in November and after finishing a semester of college classes, I started full-time in December. So far, the job has been very rewarding. I enjoy it a great deal. I am so thankful to the board for hiring me and giving me the opportunity to make a career change to a job I love.

I am a Muhlenberg County native. In 2003, after attending college, I moved back to Muhlenberg County and purchased a home in Greenville. Prior to working for the conservation district, I taught middle school math for nine years. In addition, I taught part-time for the local

community college.

I have a Bachelor's of Arts in Education from the University of Kentucky, a Master's Degree from Western Kentucky University, and a Rank I from Indiana Wesleyan University. I was the first to attend college in my immediate family. One of my goals is to work with the science teachers in the local school district to ensure Muhlenberg County children and young adults understand the importance of our land and taking care of it for our future.

I have one brother. He, his wife, and three beautiful children live in Georgetown, Kentucky where he practices medicine. My parents also live in Greenville. I am single and have no children. I do have three cats; Sugar, Miles, and Kallie whom I spoil. I enjoy reading, music, movies, and spending time with my family and friends. My favorite genre of fiction is suspense/thriller novels.

Right now I am learning as I go. Each day is a new experience working for the district. I couldn't ask for a better group of people to work with.

Awards Committee Chairperson Notes: Emily is a dedicated, hardworking employee. Keep up the good work!

Great teamwork both personal and professional!!



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Wanda J. Gilbert — Awards Committee Chairperson