



## KENTUCKY SHINES!!!!!!!!!!

**Awards Committee Chairperson Notes – 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"! August 2007

#### Debra Marshall - Breathitt County Conservation District

In 2000, I started working with the Breathitt County Farm Service Agency in a temporary position, after one year a position came open with the Breathitt County Conservation District for an Administrative Secretary and I applied and started working for the District in August of 2002.



My work with the Conservation District has been very rewarding in many ways. I have had the opportunity to work with and meet many wonderful people within the organization, and also landowners in Breathitt County. It feels good knowing that I am helping to help promote the wise use of our State's natural resources.

Through the many services the Breathitt County Conservation District offers I was first introduced to the PRIDE septic system program where I saw a great need to improve water quality in our county. Through this program the District has serviced several hundred homes since 2002.

I also became very acquainted with the Phase-1 programs offered through the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy. Since 2002, the district has implemented 2,972 projects through the Fencing Improvement, Ag. Diversification,

Forage Improvement, Hay Storage, Cattle Handling Facilities, Goat Diversification, Heifer Replacement, and the Equipment Lease Program's. These programs have assisted landowners already exploring alternative agricultural enterprises who may lack capital to further their programs.

I look forward to many years to come with the Breathitt County Conservation District.

***Awards Chairperson Comments: Debra is a KACDE Member and we are proud to have her on our team.***

## Amanda Tingle – Washington County Conservation District



I started working part-time with the Washington County Conservation District on October 26, 2001 and I work three days a week.

I was raised on a 140 acre farm and rode dune buggies, four wheelers, bicycles, tractors and about everything with wheels all around the farm during the years that I was growing up. I was a cheerleader and a basketball player during my grade school

years and participated in several school activities.

I am the Ag Water Quality specialist for the office, I assist Theresa (DAS) almost year round with the State Cost Share program and also help out with the Courier-Journal Art & Writing Contest, Wildlife Food Plots, Safety Days, our Tree Give-Away and various other programs that the district sponsors. I also work closely with NRCS on the field days that have been held in Washington County.

Conventions are a must to attend to learn new ways to make programs easier, learn new programs on the computers or by learning from word of mouth from other district employees. It's also a good time to see friends from around the state that you don't see very often. This year was my first year to attend the KACD convention and will also be the first time that I attend the State Convention at Jabez. Each year, my board sends me to the SECDEA Convention in Pigeon Forge.

I have three children - ages 10, 5, and 11 months old and am expecting my 4th child in December, another boy. After this child is born, I will have 2 girls and 2 boys and I plan for this to be my last.

I have served on the policy council for the Willisburg Head Start for two years and have attended classes around the state to do the best job that I can for the Head Start children. This is a volunteer position and I enjoy working with the parents and the kids.

My husband, Steven, our children and I attend church. I help out with the endless programs at the church and at Camp Calvary, our camp for the church. There are 20 churches around the state that support and come to the camp for activities, to work on the 700 acres of the camp, cookouts, etc. This summer there around

2500 adults and kids that attended camp. My two oldest children attended the camp this summer and had a great time.

It is very challenging being a mother of three children (with another one on the way) but it is also very rewarding and my board is very supportive when my children are sick by allowing me time off work to stay home and care for them.

I have worked as a waitress, an employee of a country store, in 3 factories, a daycare center and for neighbors setting and stripping tobacco before starting my employment with the Washington County Conservation District.

At this time I am serving on two KACDE committees, the Welcome/Hospitality and the Fundraising/Special Projects Committee. I am collecting recipes for the NCDEA Cookbook project, so please send them in by September 1st.

I thoroughly enjoy working for the district and learning new things about conservation so I can take them home to my children so they can also help to conserve and protect our natural resources. I hope my district board will be keeping me on for several years to come because I like my job and what I do for the people in our county.

***Awards Chairperson Comments: Amanda is a KACDE Member and we are proud to have her on our team.***