



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"!

Hannah Browning – Bell County Conservation District



My name is Hannah Browning and I have been the District Administrative Secretary for the Bell County Conservation District for 15 years. I have two children, ages 31 and 35. I also have two grandchildren, age 6 and 18 months. My husband and I enjoy spending time with the grandchildren. I help with the Mountain Laurel Festival and performed with the Sunshine Dance Group. I serve on the local Garbage Board and Bell County Extension Board. I enjoy my job very much. It is really rewarding to get to help out someone in Bell County.

The Bell County Conservation District along with myself, hosted an estimated 250 guests at the Annual Bell County Farm Field Day in August 2007. The field day was located at Pursifull Farm on Highway 119 in Pineville. I manage local cost share programs, work with Bell County High School on an Environmental Grant for their Outdoor Classroom and work with students with The Courier-Journal Art & Writing contest. The district awarded a \$3,000 environmental grant to the local 119 Garbage Fund to help clean up dumps, sent two high school students to Forestry Camp, maintains a successful tree give away to the public, provides annual Root Stock Classes (grafting) at each of the three local high schools, distributes Soil Stewardship material to local businesses & schools, offers scholarships to local college students and conducts several meetings each year with local landowners.

A special accomplishment that I am proud of is assisting the RC&D coordinator with the Pride Program to spend \$168,725 on the installation of septic systems here in Bell County. This was a much needed project.

Awards Chairperson Comments: Hannah is a KACDE Member and the pride she has for her county shows by the work that she has accomplished.

Leslie G. Fourqurean - Christian County Conservation District



Hiddy, my name is Leslie Glass Fourqurean. I was born in Caldwell County, in western Kentucky. I am the youngest of three and am blessed to have been born into a Christian family. Not only am I very proud of my great parents, but also my “big brother & sister” and their families. In 1981, we moved to Trigg County (my daddy is a retired Baptist minister) which is where I met my husband.

I am married to David Fourqurean. David is the Ag Extension Agent through the University of Kentucky, in Trigg County. We have been married 19 ½ years. We live on the family farm, in Gracey, where my father-in-law, John, was born and raised. We are blessed with two children. John David, 18, is a freshman at Western Kentucky University majoring in Ag Business. Ella, 12, is a seventh grader at Trigg County Middle School. They both are very active through FFA and 4-H with Livestock Showing & Judging. In 2003 and 2004, John David was the Swine Reserve Grand Champion in the Kentucky State Fair. In 2006, Ella came through and happily “whipped” her big brother with the Swine Grand Champion win. He took it very well displaying it to her with a huge hug, in the show ring. (I think Ella was more shocked with the hug than the win.) As you can tell, some years have been a success and other years have not been as much, but they both work very hard and look forward to preparing for the next year’s livestock showing season. They both are reasonably competitive and strive to do their best. I am VERY proud of them both.

I am going on my third year, as the administrative secretary, with the Christian County Conservation District, in western Kentucky. Tom Wagner, district technician, and I administer programs such as State Cost Share and Model Programs. We also promote the Art & Writing Contest and recognize our district winners at an Annual Banquet held in March. I also assist NRCS with the various programs that they administer. Between the two entities, I stay very busy. In Christian County, we have Jeffers Bend Environmental Center. The district is very involved with Field and Education Days held at the environmental center. Tom and I are in the process of building a soil tunnel for the Pennyrile RC&D Council, through a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation. The soil tunnel is 20 feet long and 4 ½ feet tall. It has been a huge, educational and a very tiring project that I have TRULY enjoyed. I am excited and look forward to being able to actually use the tunnel in the schools. Our goal for completion is early to mid March. Pray for Tom.....

Each March, we have a tree give-a-way. Our landowners really look forward to this program.

I love to go to the schools and educate the students on conservation. It is all worth it when I see a student realize and understand the importance of conservation. With it

being just my third year, I am still learning and still looking for projects and programs for us to get involved with. If you have any ideas for me, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

I am currently serving as the KACDE Area Representative for Area 1. It has been a great experience. One that I hope will continue in some form or another. If you are ever in Christian County, stop by and say hello to us. We would love to see ya.

Awards Chairperson Comments: Leslie is a KACDE Member and also serves as Area 1 Representative and we are proud to have her on our team.



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Wanda J. Gilbert — Awards Committee Chairperson