



KENTUCKY SHINES!!

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Who's in the "Limelight"?

Terri Shaw – Franklin County Conservation District



This is my family: My husband, Jeff, and sons Jared, who is 20 and Tyler, who is 15. Jeff and I will be celebrating our 28th wedding anniversary this June.

Those of you that have been with Conservation Districts for awhile, will probably remember me from working in the Division of Conservation for 14 years, and seeing Jared and Tyler at KACD Conventions. Jared's first convention was when he was five years old and Tyler was only a year old when he attended his first convention and both attended most every convention while I was employed at the Division of

Conservation. Tyler is still attending with me since I began working at the Franklin County Conservation District.

I retired from State Government in August 2005 after 30 years of service and was employed by the Franklin County Conservation District in November 2005. My retirement was very short. I very much enjoyed my time working in the Division of Conservation as Secretary to Steve Coleman. I serve as the Administrative Secretary for the District and since starting for the District, have even a greater appreciation for District Secretaries and all they are responsible for day-to-day in keeping the District offices running. They are truly the backbone of Conservation Districts and should be commended for all the hard work they do each day.

My hobbies include a number of things, with basket making being number one. Martha Newby got me started and I really enjoy it, even though I don't get to make baskets as often as I would like. I also enjoy quilting, decorative painting, crocheting, cross-stitching and jewelry making. None of which I have as much time to devote to as I would like. Maybe someday when I retire for good, I'll get to enjoy all these hobbies.

I grew up in Frankfort, Kentucky and am a member of Buck Run Baptist Church attending since I was a small child. The greatest influence and most cherished person in my life and the person I spent most all my time with growing up was my grandmother, Juanita Grider. She passed away three years ago this January at the age of 84, and I miss her every day.

I very much enjoy my job with the Conservation District and have the pleasure of working with a great group of people, who are like family to me: Tom Gillion, Tom Karsner, Bob Ricks and Peggy Jackson.

Awards Chairperson Comments: Terri is a KACDE Member and also serves as Area 6 Representative, we are proud to have her on our team.

Wesley Wright – Logan County Conservation District



I began to work for the Logan County Conservation Districts in May of 2000 just after graduating from Murray State University with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Wildlife Biology. My work for the districts include many of the regular job duties that go along with being a district employee such as administering state cost share, providing technical assistance and environmental education. I also provide assistance with NRCS programs such as CREP, CRP, EQIP, and others. I truly enjoy working with all district and partnered agency employees. I also enjoy working and spending time outdoors. A few years ago the districts were able to obtain a grant for the purchase of a unique piece of land near

Russellville now called the Baker Natural Area. I, along with many others, have been involved in the development and maintenance of this area for public use. This public area now allows many urban, as well as rural, residents a place to experience outdoor recreation and wildlife viewing opportunities. I find it fulfilling to know that there are local areas like this that ensure outdoor opportunities for future generations.

I have lived in Logan County my entire life, except while attending Murray State. My wife, Janet, and I began dating my senior year in high school. We exchanged our wedding vows on March 22, 2003. We are looking forward to our 5th anniversary this March. We currently have no children but are hoping to in the future. I am a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Lewisburg. My hobbies include hunting, fishing, and spending time with family and friends.

Awards Chairperson Comments: Wesley is the conservation technician for Logan County, a huge asset to our conservation family. Keep up the great work.



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Wanda J. Gilbert – Awards Committee Chairperson