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“Super” Star



Leslie L. Herbst from Pendleton County Conservation District

The Pendleton County Conservation District is proud of their Chairperson, Leslie L. Herbst and would like to acknowledge his long years of service to the Conservation District and the Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts.

Les, as he likes to be called, became a Supervisor on January 1, 1957 and is still active and serving as Chairman today. During his 50 plus years on the board he has served on every committee and held every office more than one time.

We believe that Les may be one of the oldest supervisors in the State and he may hold the record for serving the longest as a supervisor. During his years on the board he has become a well known leader attending most of the State Conventions, training sessions, area meetings and workshops through the State.

Les was born January 20, 1928 in Campbell County, Kentucky. After his years of growing up in Campbell County he married and purchased a tract of land in the North-Eastern part of Pendleton County known as Peach Grove. Les and his late wife, Vera, began their farming career with a dairy herd and raising tobacco, thru the years he purchased more land around and tried almost every new technique that became available. He was the first in Pendleton County to try no-tilling farming, finally giving up his dairy and going to beef cattle. His farming has been very successful; he now is retired on his 300-acre farm, has his entire farm leased out, and still gets to watch crops and cattle being raised on the land.

Les and his late wife raised three children, Mike, Linda and Larry on the farm and would not have traded his life for any “city” job.

Les has been a very active part of the community and county through his entire life. He has served on numerous boards, including, Pendleton Farm Bureau, Southern States, PCA, County Tax Commissioner, County Board of Elections, Pendleton Youth Fair, East Pendleton County Water Board, just a name a few.

Les says that his years serving on the Conservation Board were the most rewarding in many ways. Conservation of our land and resources is and has been is priority, he often says that he does not understand why people will not take care of what they have available and preserve it for the next generation.

Les was awarded a plaque for his years of service at the State Convention in 2007. The Pendleton District honored him at this annual awards banquet and showered him with well wishes and gifts for his many years of faithful service. He proudly wears his jacket and cap and jokes that he can at least remember his name and county wherever he goes.

His famous last words at any function or event are “Conservation is everybody’s Business”, our land is to “Use Not Abuse”.

Pendleton County knows that our **“Super Star”** is Leslie L. Herbst.