Upping Our Game

Enhancing Commission and District Communications
The Game Plan

- Increase communications between districts and Conservation Commission
- Increase public awareness of districts and Commission
- Boost communications with social media
- Improve website usability, design, and content
- Preserve our shared conservation history
OCC-District Communications

Tell us about it! Farm fests, natural resource days, new equipment, crop circles.
Increase Public Awareness
Governor Activates Emergency Drought Commission to Quench Dry Counties

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News

Kids get Water Wise at Grove Valley Water Festival Hosted by Oklahoma County Conservation District

Dewey County Conservation District Hosts Legislative Tour of Conservation Projects
Dewey County Legislative Tour

- Get the attention of Legislators
- Get the attention of media
- Get the attention of customers and cooperators

No-till is great, honest!
I am a big fan of finding some peace and quiet, that is one of the reasons why I love my garden. I go into the garden to calm my nerves, relieve my stress, find some inner peace and quiet.
HCCD Hosts County Land Judging Contest

The Hughes County Conservation District (HCCD) hosted the county Land Judging contest at the Fair on Saturday, August 24, 2013. The District invited all area schools to participate, however only three schools with a total of 5 teams participated in this year’s event. The seventeen students who participated were from Holdenville, Moss and Wetumka schools.

HCCD worked closely with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Hughes County OSU Extension office to provide the students with soil texture types and booklets for a land judging school which was taught by Oklahoma Agriculture Teachers Hall of Fame Winner Gerald Roberts. Mr. Roberts was inducted into the Hall of Fame on August 2nd of this year. Mr. Roberts taught Vo-Ag to many generations of Holdenville high school students. The students learned how to identify the different textures of Oklahoma soils and how to determine land features such as: slope, erosion, permeability, runoff and recommended land treatments.

The winners of the Hughes County Land Judging contest are as follows. 1st place – Wetumka #2 with 636 points – team members: Britton Putman, Garrett Williams, Taylor Pack and Gabie Moayedi. 2nd place – Wetumka #3 with 602 points – Team members: Brody Haynes, Tristan Smith, Melissa Allen and Stetson Wilkerson. 3rd Place – Moss #1 with 463 points – Team members: Kallie Crawford, Patan Crowell and Cody McCoy.

The top three individuals were: 1st Place – Britton Putman of Wetumka with 262 points. 2nd Place – Tristan Smith of Wetumka with 257 points. 3rd Place – Stetson Wilkerson of Wetumka with 237 points.
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Kay County Conservation District Home
State Cost-Share Program

Our district administers the State of Oklahoma Conservation Cost-Share Program in Oklahoma County. The State makes cost-share funds available to conservation districts to help landowners implement cost-share practices that protect our soil and water resources. Approved conservation practices may include brush control, erosion control, grass planting, ponds, waterways, water wells, and terraces.

Applicants for the conservation cost-share program must be a district cooperator with a conservation plan. Participants must certify that they own or operate at least 20 acres of land from which more than $1,000 of soil-dependent products are sold annually. The maximum cost-share payment that can be made to any participant from these funds is $5,000. The maximum cost-share rate available is 75%. Local cost-share rates are established by the Board of Directors at the start of each program year and may vary depending on the amount of state funds received. Please contact the district office for further information regarding the cost-share program, available funds, and sign-up periods. Our district cooperates with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The NRCS provides free technical assistance to landowners for the installation of conservation practices.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Programs

NRCS provides conservation technical assistance and information to individuals, communities, tribal governments, local agencies, and many others. The local NRCS Field Office partners with our district, state agencies, and with volunteers. Financial assistance is provided by NRCS through a number of government programs. NRCS programs available in Oklahoma County include:
Social Media

Listen up, whippersnapper, I don’t need all this newfangled internet hoopla.
Also for our Moore friends - This year Moore Beautiful will be hosting a tree giveaway in conjunction with the City Of Moore’s America Recycles Day on Saturday, November 9th from 8 am until Noon. The giveaway will be located on the South side of the City of Moore’s Community Center located at 100 Moore St. The Cleveland County Conservation District will be present to answer any questions you may have about the event. The giveaway will include a variety of trees suitable for the local climate, and there will be staff on hand to assist with planting and care. We hope to see you there!
Happy Monday! It is time for our last 55 Gallon Rain Barrel Drum Give Away! From 9 am today until 10 pm tonight, simply come to our FB page, like the page, find the original post and leave a comment, then share the post. You must be able to pick up the barrel in Norman. Check back on our FB page tomorrow, October 8th to see if you have won!!! Good Luck!

Eating out? Eat at one of the many locally owned restaurants and deli's in Cleveland Co. that use local produce! Doesn't this sound Yummy!

SPECIALS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3RD, 2013

Regular soups today are creamy tomato basil and veggie chili. The special soup is Hungarian mushroom.

Remember, all produce is organic and/or local and eggs are free-range and local. But most of all, the lunches are delicious!
Treat your canine hunting companions right this season. After all, they give you their very best in the field. Make sure they're up on all necessary vaccines, treated to protect them from fleas and ticks, and on a good diet to make sure they are ready to go strong! "Hunt 'em up!"
ACTIVATE...the phone tree.
### Equipment Rental Availability As of July 1, 2010

*Prices subject to change*

| Conservation Districts | Adair County Conservation District, Alfalfa County Conservation District, Arbuckle Conservation District, Atoka County Conservation District, Beaver County Conservation District, Blaine County Conservation District, Bryan Conservation District, Caney Valley Conservation District, Central North Canadian River Conservation District, Checotah Conservation District, Cherokee County Conservation District, Cimarron County Conservation District, Cimarron Valley Conservation District, Cleveland County Conservation District, Coal County Conservation District, Comanche County Conservation District, Cotton County Conservation District, Craig County Conservation District, Creek County Conservation District, Custer County Conservation District, Dewey County Conservation District, Delaware County Conservation District, East Canadian County Conservation District, East Woods County Conservation District, Ellis County Conservation District, Garfield County Conservation District, Garvin Conservation District, Grady County Conservation District, Grant County Conservation District, Greer County Conservation District, Harmon County Conservation District, Harper County Conservation District, Haskell County Conservation District, Hughes County Conservation District, Jackson County Conservation District, Jefferson County Conservation District, Johnston County Conservation District, Kay County Conservation District, Kiamichi Conservation District, Kingfisher County Conservation District, Kiowa County Conservation District, Konawa Conservation District, Logan County Conservation District, Love County Conservation District, Major County Conservation District, Marshall County Conservation District, McCurtain County Conservation District, McIntosh County Conservation District, Murray County Conservation District, Okfuskee County Conservation District, Osage County Conservation District, Otoe County Conservation District, Pawnee County Conservation District, Payne County Conservation District, Pottawatomie County Conservation District, Pushmataha County Conservation District, Roger Mills County Conservation District, Switzer County Conservation District, Tillman County Conservation District, Trail County Conservation District, Wagner County Conservation District, Washita County Conservation District, Wagoner County Conservation District, Woods County Conservation District, Woodward County Conservation District |

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**Improve Website Usability and Content**
Preserve Our Shared History

- Commission will lose over 100 years of experience in 2013

- Paper and tape records are deteriorating

- Ben Pollard can’t even remember his middle name...
Questions?

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