



NESHOBA COUNTY CONSERVATION NEWS

ISSUE 1

April 2023

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

GRAZING FIELD DAY	2
CONSERVATION CARNIVAL	3
MACD WINTER MEETING	4

Follow us on Facebook!!

You can now keep up with the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District's activities on facebook! Just search:

Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District

Students Observe Tree Planting Week



Tree Planting Week is celebrated in February each year and was established in 1974 as an annual event to recognize the importance of trees to the environment. The Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated Tree Planting Week with third grade students in local schools this February.

Russell Singleton with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Erica Fortenberry with the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District visited with third grade students from Philadelphia Elementary and Neshoba Central Elementary. They taught them why trees are so important to our environment as well as the economic importance of the forestry industry. Just under 250 third grade students received a loblolly pine seedling to take home. These seedlings were donated by Arborgen's Super Tree Seedlings.



Grazing Field Day



May 6th, 2023

9 a.m. thru lunch (provided)

Nazary Farms

111 Rockwood Rd

Carthage, MS 39051

Registration at 8:30 a.m.

Door Prizes will be awarded

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Rocky Lemus – MSU

John Byrd - MSU

Jamie Keith - NRCS

Daniel Clanton - NRCS

Topics will include:

Forage Management

Rotational Grazing

Weed Control

Fencing

Water Quality

NRCS Practices and

Specifications

Please return the attached form by
April 26th, 2023 to:

Neshoba County SWCD
511 East Lawn Drive
Philadelphia, MS 39350
(601) 656-8783 Ext 3

or

Leake County SWCD
506 Hwy 16W Suite 3
Carthage, MS 39051
(601) 298-9101 Ext 3

Please call to confirm your attendance so that we will have enough lunch to serve everybody.

Name _____

Number Attending _____

Phone Number _____

Local students participate in Soil & Water Conservation Carnival



MS Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks' Hunter Hall and Justin Blackburn teaching Neshoba Central students about hunter's safety

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District hosted their 27th Annual Conservation Carnival at the Neshoba County Coliseum on Tuesday, February 21st, Wednesday, February 22nd and Thursday, February 23rd, 2023. Just over 460 fifth grade students from Bogue Chitto, Pearl River, Tucker, Neshoba Central, Philadelphia and Union Schools took part in this year's carnival. The purpose of this event is to enhance our youth of tomorrow with the importance of our natural resources and what they can do to conserve them. Nine educational stations were set up and students rotated through all stations. Local agencies participated in the carnival educating students on various subjects such as:



MSU Extension Services's Brad Staten teaching Union students about ATV safety



MSU Entomology Department's Beverly Keasler teaching Choctaw Tribal Schools about bugs



US Army Corps of Engineers' Matt Rigdon teaching Union students about boating safety



MS Wildlife Federation's Deb Veeder teaching Philadelphia students about non-point pollution

Choctaw Tribal School students learn about soils from the MSWCC's Robin Tisdale and Angela Belvin



Attala Co. SWCD's Bekkah Bingham teaches Neshoba Central Students about Farm to Table



MS Soil and Water Conservation Commission's Lauren Detwiller demonstrates the EnviroScape for Neshoba Central Students



(left) NRCS' Lee Jones demonstrated the rainwater simulator and soil erosion for Philadelphia student's



(left) MS Museum of Natural Science's Meghan Huseman and a friend teach Choctaw Tribal School students about wildlife

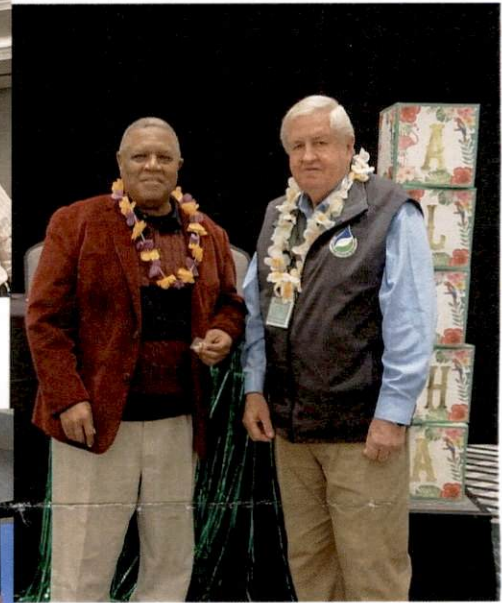
Mississippi Association of Conservation District's Winter Meeting Highlights



(left) Tucker Tribal School's Delaiah Billy placed first in the state at the Mississippi Association of Conservation District Meeting in Jackson for her Essay on Healthy Soils. She is pictured here with MACD President Anita Cowen, who is presenting Delaiah Billy with her first place certificate and award at the meeting in Jackson on January 18th, 2023.



Commissioners Carl Mason and Nelson White being sworn in for their term as Commissioners



Commissioner Jerry Smith became a member of the MACD President's Club



Commissioner Lynn Copeland being sworn in for his term as Commissioner

COMMISSIONERS



Nelson White Chairman
Lynn Copeland
Ross Williamson Treasurer
Carl Mason Vice Chairman
Jerry Smith

DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS



Glenda Winstead Steve Cumberland Mary Lundy Meruvia Charlie Wilson Vacant

Contact Information

601-656-8783 ext 3

erica.fortenberry@usda.gov

Follow us on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Neshoba-County-Soil-and-Water-Conservation-District/361945633835625?ref=hl>



DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR
ERICA FORTENBERRY

WHAT IS A SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District is a governmental subdivision of the State of Mississippi located in the Third Congressional District. The formation of the Conservation District was authorized by the MS legislature on April 4, 1938, through House Bill 454. The Neshoba County SWCD was organized by citizens of Neshoba County on October 30, 1939. The Neshoba County SWCD is governed by five commissioners. Three are elected in a district (county) wide election by landowners. Two are appointed by the MS Soil & Water Conservation Commission upon recommendations of the SWCD board of commissioners. Each District is authorized to appoint five deputy commissioners. These commissioners serve without pay to carry out a cooperative program that addresses the natural resource concerns of the District.

OFFICE STAFF:

Priscilla Williamson - NRCS Supervisory District Conservationist
Jeff Fortenberry - NRCS Soil Conservationist
Bill Stalcup - NRCS Soil Conservation Technician
Erica Fortenberry - SWCD District Administrator

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all of its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, and where applicable, sex, marital status, familial status, parental status, religion, sexual orientation, political beliefs, genetic information, reprisal, or because all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TDD)."

To file a complaint of discrimination, write to USDA, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Stop 9410, Washington, DC 20250-9410, or call toll-free at (866) 632-9992 (English) or (800) 877-8339 (TDD) or (866) 377-8642 (English Federal-relay) or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish Federal-relay). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.