



NESHOBA COUNTY CONSERVATION NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Trees will arrive the second week in February
- Holiday—Presidents Day February 19th, 2018
- Poster Contest Begins March 2018

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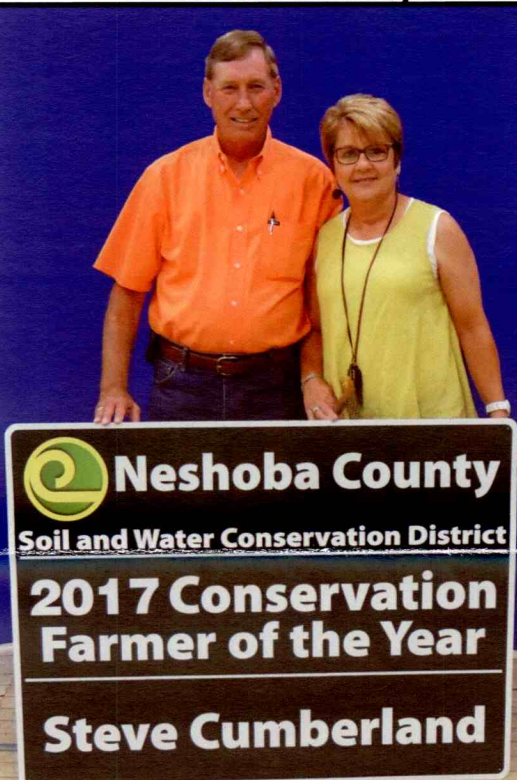
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Neshoba County SWCD Annual Awards Banquet

The Neshoba County Soil & Water Conservation District hosted their annual banquet on October 3rd, 2017 at the Neshoba County Coliseum with approximately 83 members in attendance. Outstanding Farmers and Conservationists were honored during the annual banquet.



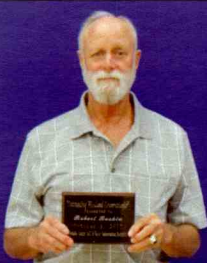
Conservation Farmer of the Year - Steve Cumberland



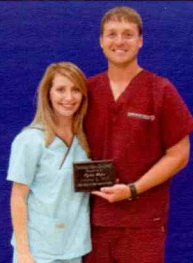
This year's Poster Contest winner pictured above was: Maggie Taylor – First place in grades 4-6.



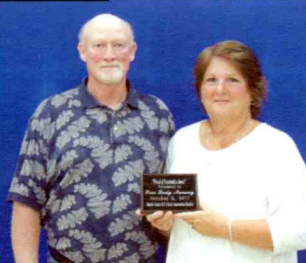
Michael Smith received the "Outstanding Poultry Producer" award.



Robert Baskin received the "Outstanding Woodland Conservationist" award.



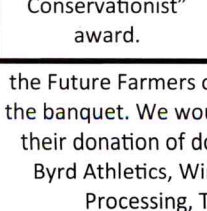
Tyler Pope received the "Outstanding Fishpond Management" award.



Tree Lady Nursery's Kay and Jesse Harvey received the "Friends of Conservation" award.



Charlie Wilson received the "Outstanding Livestock Producer" award.



Dr. Robert Pearson received the "Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist" award.

The district would like to thank the coliseum staff, the Future Farmers of America and Harvin Hudson who assisted with the banquet. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their donation of door prizes: Cook Feeds, Neshoba County Co-Op, Byrd Athletics, Windham Tractor, Pearl River Equipment, Wilson Processing, Tree Lady Nursery and The Citizen's Bank.

2017 Wildlife Jamboree



The 2017 Wildlife Jamboree was a huge success as usual. It is one of the largest educational events conducted in Neshoba County with approximately 2,500 in attendance. We conduct several educational activities at the Wildlife Jamboree each year which include Educational Speakers, Educational Booths, Wildlife Tasting Buffet, Gun Raffles, Big Buck Contest, Youth Archery Contest along with other activities and events. There were approximately 30 vendors that provided the door prizes. There were also about 20 pots of stew, chili and BBQ along with drinks and snack cakes served. We would like to thank all of the cooks who make this possible.



2018 Membership Report

Bennie Lee and Mary Adkins
Nell Adkins
Stacy & Melissa Adkins
Randy Allen
Rebecca Barnett
Robert Greg Barrett
Robert L. Baskin
Jerry and Charlotte Bishop
Brad Bounds
Scott & Jennifer Bounds
David & Joyce Breazeale
Mr. & Mrs. Truitt Breazeale
Mary Brookshire
Gwenette Broome
Oneil & Linda Buckman
Raymond Chesney
Mr. & Mrs. Aubrey Copeland
Brad & Hollie Copeland
Lynn & Kay Copeland
Mr. & Mrs. Rex Copeland
Steve and Elsie Cumberland
Kevin Cumberland
Garnell Daniels
Janet & Donnie Dickinson
Jay & Ashley Eakes

Brenda Fedrick
Buddy and Brenda Fortenberry
Jay & Jennifer Fortenberry
Jeff & Erica Fortenberry
Dale & Faye Gray
Alex & Catherine Henson
Rusty & Kittie Holley
Cecil & Lorece Hooker
Harvin Hudson
Bobby Jackson
Ike Latimer
Ray and Beverly Lilley
Keith Lillis
Carl & Laura Mason
Dr. & Mrs. D.G. May
Osvaldo & Mary Meruvia
Lee Mims
Carolyn Moore
Dale & Mary Nance
Steve Nance
Dr. Robert Pearson
Alice Perryman
Patrick & Melanie Pinter
Obbie Riley
Reber Rivers

Brenda Sisson
Robert T. Smith
Bunkie and Shirley Smith
Michael & Amanda Smith
Raymond Stokes
Robert & Weegie Thomas
Kent & Connie Warren
Allen White
Anna White
Dale & Dianne White
Nelson & Betty White
Wade White
Jerry & Wanniese Whitehead
Charlie & Jackie Wilson
Johnnie & Betty Wilson
Glenda & Bobby Winstead

We would like to thank all of the Soil & Water Conservation District members who made the membership drive a success this year. The Neshoba County SWCD appreciates each member for taking an active role in sustaining our natural resources and for your continued support.

If you would like to renew your membership or become a new member of the Neshoba County Soil and Water Conservation District, please contact Erica Fortenberry at 601-656-8783 Ext 3 or come by 511 East Lawn Drive Philadelphia, MS 39350

Mississippi Association of Conservation Districts Awards



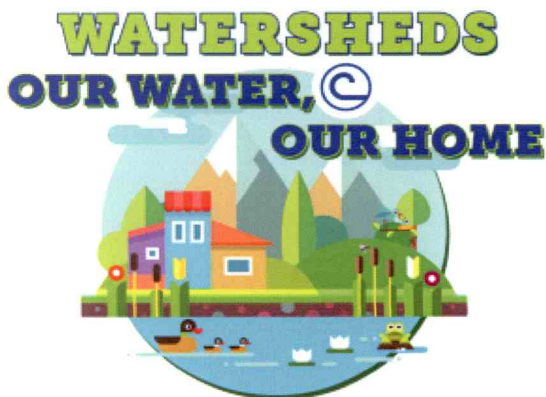
Neshoba County SWCS's Erica Fortenberry received the Mississippi Association of Conservation District's award for the District Employee of the Year. Neshoba native, Jeff Fortenberry received the MACD NRCS Employee of the Year Award. (Picture by Deborah Atwood Logan)



MACD President, Pete Hunter, presents the MACD Endowment Fund Grant of \$500 to Neshoba

County SWCD Chairmen, Jerry Smith. This grant is for use toward "Every Acre Counts", an upcoming educational program to be on the lookout for! (Picture by Deborah Atwood Logan)

The 2018 Poster Contest theme is "Watersheds—Our Water, Our Home"



The annual Poster Contest provides K-12 grade students an opportunity to convey their thoughts about soil, water and related natural resource issues through art. It also high-lights the educational outreach efforts of conservation districts and their state conservation associations, auxiliaries and agencies. All posters are due by April 13th. The poster contest theme follows the annual Stewardship theme. The contest is co-sponsored by the National Association of Conservation Districts and the NACD Auxiliary. For more information contact our office at 601-656-8783 Extension 3.

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Will Woods

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District Administrator

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.

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