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PLEASE JOIN US!

THE CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL BBQ AND AWARDS CEREMONY ON THE EVENING OF JULY 15, 2010.

This event is open to the public and is an opportunity for the District to acknowledge individuals who have made significant contributions in the areas of soil, water and other natural resource conservation efforts in Converse County! Come visit with the Board of Supervisors, District staff and community members.



**JULY 15, 2010 6 P.M.
WASHINGTON PARK**

Converse County Conservation District will be providing burgers and brats, drinks and table service. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with others attending.

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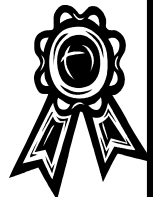
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2009 Cooperator of the Year
Neil Forgy



Several awards will be presented this year including:

- Cooperator of the Year**
 - Appreciation/Honor Award**
 - Windbreak/Tree Planter Award**
 - Stewardship Week Poster Contest**
- winners will also be recognized.



2009 Cooperator of the Year
Henry Ranch
Susan Henry and son Blake



2009 attendees enjoying last years' BBQ and Awards Ceremony



Cowboy Chuck and Chip Golf Scramble

Aug 17, 2010 • 2 p.m.
Douglas Community Golf Course
\$75 Per Person Entry Fee

- Held in conjunction with the Wyoming State Fair
- Pre-register at 307.351.0730 or the day of the tournament beginning at noon
- Pick your team or we can also help you find teammates
- Two mulligans at \$5 each available during registration
- You'll be allowed to throw, "chuck," your ball one time
- Dinner provided following the tournament
- Prizes awarded to the top four teams
- Open to all ages

Proceeds benefit the Wyoming FFA Foundation and the Wyoming Natural Resource Foundation - Olin Sims Endowment

NRCS NEWS-TIM SCHROEDER

EQIP 2011 SIGNUP UNDERWAY

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) has a continuous signup throughout the year, and applications are "batched" and ranked each year at the end of the signup typically in the fall. The NRCS encourages ag producers to signup early and start the planning process for the practices they are interested in this summer. Eligible practices include but are not limited to irrigation improvement, grazing lands management and water development, Russian olive control in riparian areas, and forest stand improvement to reduce pine beetle infestation.

A conservation planning alternative can also be applied for through the "CAP" Conservation Assistance planning priority through EQIP. The CAP alternative will assist producers in developing a conservation plan for their property to help them identify resource concerns and priorities. Developing a plan now can help your operation for future program funding priorities. The CAP plans are developed by a third party non-NRCS contracted consultant of your choice.

So it's not too early to start thinking about future improvements and priorities for your operation with the popular EQIP program. Contact the NRCS office at 358-3050 with any questions concerning the signup process.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY

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DISTRICT HAPPENINGS

TUESDAY
JULY 20, 2010
8 A.M.—4 P.M.



DRY CREEK HALL
BILL, WY

WYOMING RANGELAND MANAGEMENT SCHOOL 301 HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED!

Converse County Conservation District, University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension, USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service, US Forest Service, USDI Bureau of Land Management and the Wyoming Department of Agriculture are sponsoring a Rangeland Management 301 School. Registration for the school is \$20 which includes the Course Curriculum Notebook, WY Monitoring Guide and handouts. ***No fee if you have attended 201*** Lunch and snacks will be provided by Converse County Conservation District. This is an opportunity to spend the day in the field learning about the plants of the area, ecological sites, and how to monitor rangeland.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED BY JULY 16, 2010

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER CONTACT:
CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
911 S. WINDRIVER DRIVE
DOUGLAS, WY 82633
307-358-3050 EXT. 109 (Michelle)**

Rain Barrels and Composters

Rain barrels and composters are still available for order. The 50 gallon rain barrels are \$86 each + tax and the 60 gallon black composters are \$180 each + tax. Please allow a week to 10 days from the time you place your order till you receive your product.

Did you know..... For a modest size house, say 30X36 feet with a typical 2 foot overhang, a half inch of rain would yield about 408 gallons of water! Think of how much rain water you would have been able to collect with all the precipitation we have received past weeks!



Board Meeting Changes

The Converse County Conservation District Board of Supervisors announces the following meeting changes:
The July 15th meeting will be held at 4 p.m. at Washington Park.
The August Board Meeting has been rescheduled for August 12 (6 p.m.-USDA Service Center) so as not to interfere with the Wyoming State Fair.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

Allison George is the new Soil Conservationist for the NRCS Douglas Field Office. Allison graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a degree in Land Reclamation/Environmental Science. She hails from Manitowoc, Wisconsin and is looking forward to meeting and working with the Converse County producers!



Rebekah Lucus is the new District Clerk for the Converse County Conservation District. Rebekah is a Wyoming native and has recently returned to Douglas after living in South Dakota for much of the past 7 1/2 years. She has two boys; Kyle is 15 and Cordell is 10. Rebekah is very excited to be working for Converse County Conservation District and looks forward to meeting everyone!

Katie Nelson is this summer's co-op student in the NRCS Douglas Field Office. She hails from Phillip, South Dakota. Katie will be a senior at the University of Wyoming majoring in Rangeland Ecology and Watershed Management. The student SCEP or co-op program allows current students to work summers with NRCS and then be placed in a permanent position upon graduation.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

JULY:

4: Fourth of July Holiday

5: Office closed

**15: CCCD Board Meeting 4 p.m. @
Washington Park**

15: Annual BBQ & Awards Ceremony 6pm

20: Rangeland Management 301 School

23-31: Converse County Fair

AUGUST:

12: CCCD Board Meeting

14-21: Wyoming State Fair

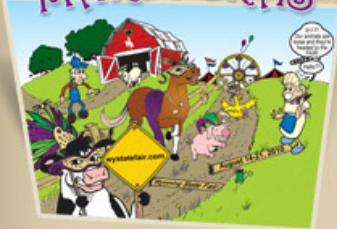
ATTEND A CCCD BOARD MEETING

The Converse County Conservation District holds Board Meetings the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. unless advertised otherwise.

We welcome your input, ideas, questions, and concerns regarding our projects and programs!

Meetings are open to the public pursuant to Wyoming Statute 16-4-403.

**WYOMING'S
BARNYARD
MARDI GRAS**



August 14-21, 2010

1 Backyard Composter Will Be Given Away Each Day!

Converse County Conservation District and the Wyoming Association of Conservation Districts invite you to stop by our booth in the Ag and Natural Resource Building. Board members and staff from across the state will be on hand the entire week to visit with you about current conservation issues and projects. See you at the Fair!

Water Quality Monitoring Demonstrations Every Day!

SAVE THE DATE!

Household Hazardous Waste and Pesticide Collection Day will be

September 11, 2010.

More information to come. Call the District office with any questions.

THANK YOU CONVERSE COUNTY!

CONVERSE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND CONVERSE COUNTY WEED AND PEST WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE GRASSHOPPER PROGRAMS SUCH A SUCCESS!

**Converse County Commissioners
Converse County GIS-Cory McMahon
Converse County Road and Bridge**

**Converse County Rural Fire
Converse County Airport
City of Douglas Public Works**

Converse County Residents and Landowners

HAVE A SAFE AND WONDERFUL

Summer