



KENTUCKY SHINES !!!!!!!!

Awards Committee Chairperson Notes – This is our third issue of the newsletter. This is a great way to get to know your co-workers and what is happening in our sister counties.

Who's in the "Limelight"! June 2007

My employment with the Jefferson County Conservation District began on April 16, 1982. I've been very fortunate, the past 25 years, to have worked for a very supportive district board and I've worked with some NRCS employees who are the "Best of the Best". Throughout the years, there have been many changes ~ some good and some not so good. Nonetheless, change is progress and we adapted and adjusted and have successfully moved the district's program forward. Our first few newsletters were done on a typewriter! That's right ~ top of the line IBM Wheelwriter 3, even had the EASYSTRIKE correctable ribbon. The district bought it December 14, 1984 and I thought it was a wonderful Christmas present! It's so hard to believe now ~ how did we ever manage without computers? It was 1986 when the district purchased their first computer to help document and track the 1985 Farm Bill workload. We've upgraded several times since then, however, I just used that 'ole IBM Wheelwriter 3 one day last week!



*I may work in Louisville,
but I love to watch the Cats
play! Go Big Blue!*

I was raised on a dairy and tobacco farm along with 5 older brothers and 1 twin sister. My husband, Kerry, and I live in Spencer County on the family farm where he grew up. In fact, it's the only place we've lived during our 30 years of marriage. In 1986, we started renovating the old farm house with the help of family, friends and some hired labor. In 1988, exactly 1 year, 9 months and 27 days later we moved in! The house was originally built in the late 1890's, it's now totally restored (we left 4 original rooms) and we placed a time capsule in one of the steps of the staircase if ever someone decides to renovate again ~ they'll

know the whole story. Kerry owns and operates Air Joy Heating & Cooling, Inc. In 1993, he started this business after working in Louisville for 15 years. He has lovingly bestowed the responsibility upon me of Air Joy's payroll and bookwork during some week nights and weekends ☺ We have one son, Brian Keith, 29, unmarried, who bought a home 5 years ago and moved about 10 miles from our house. Anticipating that happening one day, I brought another baby into our home in 1997. A beautiful, loyal, black lab named Sir Edward Bravo Bambino. Bravo does a fantastic job of keeping me company when Kerry is running service calls 24 / 7. We enjoy taking long evening walks among and between the corn and soybean fields. We took a pleasant walk at dusk last night and being the typical lab, we always end up at the river (Salt River runs parallel to our farm) where he plunges in and smiles from ear to ear. I'm hoping Bravo stays with us until the day a grandbaby comes along our way!

I've served as KACDE's Area 4 Representative since it was organized in 1995. It's been a pleasure working with each Governing Board and getting to know the past and present officers personally. I feel the Employee Association has done a fabulous job representing Kentucky's district employees throughout the years. I'm pleased and excited as I've watched KACDE's membership grow and with the help of each new member the Association has excelled in accomplishing their goals and objectives. I'm proud to be a part of that TEAM and it's a comfort knowing that no matter what county I travel throughout Kentucky, now or in the future, there's at least one person in that district office that I consider a part of my family or friend!



I have more pictures of this handsome fellow if anyone would like to see them!!!!!!

Awards Committee Chairperson's Comment:

Joy is the Jefferson County Conservation District Administrative Secretary in Area 4 and also the Area 4 Representative. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated. She is a KACDE Member and I am proud to have you on the team.



I have been an Administrative Secretary/Office Manager for the Casey County Conservation District for 6 years. I did not know this organization existed until I was contacted by the Board Chairman to fill this position. It has been the most educational and informative job experience in my life. I have a wonderful husband of seventeen years. My only daughter, Joy is a substitute teacher and school bus driver. My son-in-law is a minister and AG Extension Agent for the University of Georgia. My granddaughter and 2 grandsons are all honor students. My oldest grandson,

Calvin received 5 scholarships and will be attending Dalton State College in Georgia, majoring in Physical Therapy. This occupation was an influence on his decision after a near fatal car accident. Mt step daughter is an elementary school teacher and my step son is completing his Doctrine in Minister. As you can tell by reading this paragraph, they are my pride and joy. I retain my Cosmetology License (may need as job backup – “NO WAY”) and I was a State Certified Volunteer Firefighter. I lived in Biloxi, Mississippi for a short time and Minot, North Dakota where my daughter was born, but my heart will forever shine on my “Old Kentucky Home”.

Awards Committee Chairperson’s Comment:

Valorie is the Casey County Conservation District Administrative Secretary/ Office Manager in Area 7 and also the Area 7 Representative. Your dedication and hard work is appreciated. She is a KACDE Member and I am proud to have you on the team.