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JULY 2009

1st Place Resident Conservation Rancher

The Bedias Creek Soil & Water Conservation District presented Mr. Weldon 'Buddy' Alders as our nominee in the Texas Conservation Awards Program Region IV. The purpose of the Conservation Awards Program is to recognize and honor individuals who have dedicated their time, efforts and talents to making wise use of renewable natural resources. As 1st Place Resident Conservation Rancher, Buddy and Paula Alders have more than shown the results of wise decisions working in harmony with the land and resources around them. Buddy became a District Cooperator in 2006 although he had worked closely with other SWCD's as well as the Natural Resources Conservation Service through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program prior to that. He has installed extensive cross fencing, livestock watering facilities, pipelines and troughs to benefit rotational grazing. Buddy uses feed he's processed from his crops and developed the wind generation side of the Bio-Hybrid Energy technology. Not just cattle, not just crops but energy to sustain the operation and not have a carbon footprint. A multi-faceted approach to sustainable Agribusiness; vertically intergrading-land-cattle-equipment-people-environment. Bedias Creek SWCD is proud to recognize Mr. & Mrs. Alders encourages them to 'keep up the good work'. Sponsors of the Area Conservation Awards Program are: the Texas Soil & Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil & Water Conservation Districts, and the 216 SWCD's in TX.



Back l-r: Ernest Strack-Vice Chairman SWCD, James Nevill-Secretary SWCD, George Delfeld-Chairman SWCD, Don Gohmert-State Conservationist NRCS. Front l-r: Weldon 'Buddy' Alders, Karen Hadaway-Director SWCD & Kenda Mahaffey-Clerk SWCD.

Bedias Creek SWCD #428 would like to welcome **Jacob Shaffer** to the NRCS Huntsville Team. Jacob is coming from the Matador



Field Office in West Texas. A graduate of Texas A&M University-College Station, Jacob received his undergraduate degree in Agriculture Systems Management in 2004 with minors in Business and Agronomy and a graduate degree in 2007 in the field of Agronomy. Jacob started his NRCS career in the Mount Pleasant Field Office as a soil conservationist in August of 2006 and was then transferred to the Matador Field Office in October of 2007. Currently Jacob serves as a soil conservationist for Leon County, but also assists with Madison and Walker Counties as well. A few of Jacob's specialties include food plots for wildlife, white-tailed deer management, and managing for healthy rangelands. However, Jacob is ready and eager to learn about forestry and poultry management. Jacob is a typical NRCS employee and enjoys Texas A&M athletics and anything outdoors, but especially hunting for anything and fishing for whatever he can catch. He also enjoys an occasional fun run at various communities. Jacob is also an advocate of Christian Financial Advisory Dave Ramsey and has facilitated a Financial Peace University Course while stationed at Matador. We say welcome Jacob to the Team and look forward to working together.








The 16th Annual CLOVER FORAGE FIELD DAY





was held April 29th at the Iola Community Center and was hosted by the Bedias Creek Soil and Water Conservation District with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Madison County AgriLIFE Extension working together to help us present an exceptional educational outreach program. In attendance were about 115 landowners seeking to learning methods and techniques for managing clovers. This year's theme was *"Grazing Success with Grass & Legumes"*. Information on establishing clovers on small acres with short duration grazing grass and clovers, soil testing-resources for enriching your soil, installing and utilizing electric fence in small operations, using multi species grasses to a landowners benefit, rest-rotation for developing and maintaining a nutritious variety of grasses were some of the topics presented in the field. The group had an afternoon tour of Sollock Farms owned and operated by Gene & Ruth Sollock (Genes is a past Director with Bedias Creek SWCD) to see a successful clover management project up-close. Morning speakers consisted of: George Delfeld, Chairman of Bedias Creek SWCD; Floyd Nauls, District Conservationist, Director Karen Hadaway- "Rotational Grazing- Where to Start"; Cam & Deb Manaham - "What is a Grass Fed Cow?"; Dr. David Bade - "There's More To Lime Than Just PH"; Betsy Ross - "Feeding the Biology of The Soil"; Teresa Reese, TSSWCB - "Chicken Litter Application & Management"; and State FAPD Program Manager NRCS Doug Sharer "What is EQIP and is it Right For You?"

This year's Clover Field Day was sponsored by: Producers COOP, Standley's Feed & Seed, First State Bank of Bedias, Fairlie Seed Company, Sustainable Growth Texas, Bob Hughes Display, Sunergie, Tractor Supply Navasota, and Kentucky Graziers Supply. Thanks to The Bank of Madisonville for the use of there Bar-B-Pit. 2010 mark your calendar for April 28th !!!!



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CONSERVATION “Planner” CHECK LIST

JULY: Woodland harvest (wet sites); Plan forest riparian buffers; Construct forest roads; Fertilize ponds as needed; Begin stockpiling native pastures for winter reserves; Test hay for Nutrients; Reevaluate grazing plans & adjust rotations-consider drought plan implementation; Brush control; Soil test for fall seeded crops & annual forage; Prepare seedbed for fall seeding; Build Ponds.

AUGUST: Order tree seedlings; Control prickly pear with herbicides; Soil test for small grains & winter food plots; Fertilize ponds as needed; Consider economics of winter stocker program (small grain vs. standing hay, supplemental feeding); Monitor pastures & consider drought plans; Prepare to plant winter food plots, lime if needed; Consider the need to monitor livestock body condition & forage quality during slow growth periods; Plow fireguards scheduled to be planted to cool season forages; Critical area treatment, Build Ponds.

SEPTEMBER: Control prickly pear with herbicides; Woodland site preparation; Evaluate forage production-make stocking adjustments; Fertilize ponds as needed; Conduct deer census; Install small grain fireguards if needed for prescribed burns; Plant cool season annuals & perennials; Plant winter food plots; Build ponds; Lime, not with applying fertilizer; De-worm cattle.

Contact your Bedia Creek Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service
for more detailed information on recommended monthly management activities.

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