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January 2011

Gunpowder Creek Watershed Open House and Presentation, Thurs., Jan 13, Randall K. Cooper High School Library. The Open House will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a presentation from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For information contact Mark Jacobs at the Boone County Conservation District, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: MarkJacobs@nkcd.org or visit <http://www.boonecountyky.org/bccd>

Education Grant, Boone County Conservation District. Deadline for applications, Fri., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. Grant to help schools and educational institutions develop conservation education projects. For information or grant forms, contact Sally Aaron at the Boone County Conservation District, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: Boone@nkcd.org or visit <http://www.boonecountyky.org/bccd>

Education Grant, Campbell County Conservation District. Deadline for applications, Fri., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. Grant to help schools and educational institutions develop conservation education projects. For information or grant forms, contact Linda Grizzell at the Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net or visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>

Education Grant, Kenton County Conservation District. Deadline for applications, Fri., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. Grant to help schools and educational institutions develop conservation education projects. For information or grant forms, contact Sally Aaron at the Kenton County Conservation District, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: Kenton@nkcd.org or visit <http://www.boonecountyky.org/bccd>

Scholarship, Boone County Conservation District. Deadline for applications, Fri., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. The W. Robert Ellis Scholarship is offered for students who are residents of Boone County and enrolled in a four-year program of study in conservation. For information or forms, contact Sally Aaron at the Boone County Conservation District, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: Boone@nkcd.org or visit <http://www.boonecountyky.org/bccd>

Scholarship, Campbell County Conservation District. Deadline for applications, Fri., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. The conservation district offers several scholarships for students who are residents of Campbell County and are enrolled, or will enroll in the fall of 2011, in a four-year program of study in conservation. For information or forms, contact Linda Grizzell at the Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net or visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>

Tree Planting and Urban Forestry Enhancement Grant, Campbell County Conservation District. Deadline for applications, Fri., Jan. 21, 4:00 p.m. Grant to help cities and communities establish programs or develop projects to protect and conserve our natural resources while enhancing the aesthetic value of the natural environment. For information or grant forms, contact Linda Grizzell at the Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net or visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>.

First ranking for 2011 EQIP & WHIP is Jan. 28 - The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has set ranking period dates for applications taken for USDA Farm Bill programs. Although ranking dates may vary from program to program, landowners may sign-up at any time for all conservation programs. The next ranking cut-off date is Jan. 28, 2011 and will include applications for both the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) and the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The WHIP program can provide financial and technical assistance to develop upland, wetland, riparian and aquatic habitat areas on your property. There is a 10 acre

minimum per application for this program. The EQIP program can provide financial and technical assistance to plan and design measures on your property such as, but not limited to: grazing management (fencing and livestock watering systems); nutrient management (manure storage structures, planned nutrient applications); and erosion control (grade control structures, diversions, grassed waterways). The EQIP program can also assist farms that are currently certified organic or transitioning to organic. If you are interested in participating in either or both of these programs, you should sign-up as soon as possible and request conservation plan if you do not have an existing current plan. Anyone seeking cost share assistance must develop a conservation plan with your local NRCS office. For more information, please contact Ed Thompson, NRCS District Conservationist, at 859-586-7903.

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Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program, February 1 – 28. To apply for this cost share program, producers must have a soil erosion, water quality or other natural resource issue on their farm. Contact the Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net or visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>. In Boone County and Kenton counties, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: Boone@nkcd.org or Kenton@nkcd.org or visit <http://www.boonecountky.org/bccd> or www.kentoncounty.org.

Kentucky Association of Conservation Districts Scholarships. Deadline for applications, February 1. Scholarships for college students studying natural resources, agriculture, conservation, and related fields. For information or forms, contact Linda Grizzell at the Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net or visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>. Or Sally Aaron at the Boone and Kenton County Conservation Districts, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: Boone@nkcd.org or Kenton@nkcd.org or visit <http://www.boonecountky.org/bccd> or www.kentoncounty.org

Hawthorne Crossing Conservation Area Resource Plan meeting - Thursday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Courthouse, 8352 East Main Street, Alexandria. The public is invited to attend. Campbell County's only natural area will soon be one step closer to being accessible to the public. A final resource management plan is being developed and will be submitted to the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board in February. The Campbell County Conservation District and Campbell Conservancy will be holding a meeting to discuss the management plan with the public. Use of the property is governed by an easement held by the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which is consistent with the funding used to purchase the property. For information, contact the Campbell County Conservation District at 859-635-9587.

Licking River Watershed Watch (LRWW) Annual Meeting. Fri. Feb. 18, 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Sat., Feb. 19, 9 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Blue Licks Battlefield State Resort Park, Daniel Boone Room. Program topics include a summary of 2011 sampling data. Registration is free, lunch included. For information, visit <http://www.lrww.org/index.htm>

Boone County Farm Initiative Forum, Thurs., Feb. 24, 7:00 p.m., Boone County Extension Center, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington. Topic: How do I pass my farm on to future generations? For information, contact the Boone County Conservation District at 859-586-7903 or Boone@nkcd.org

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Kentucky Water Resources Annual Symposium, Mon., March 21, 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Griffin Gate Marriott Resort, Lexington. Statewide conference featuring research about water and water resources. Registration fee.

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April 2011

Stewardship Week is April 24 - May 1 - Each and every day, we all have a connection to forests. This connection includes things as obvious as paper products we use at work and school; the food and spices we eat; the furniture we sit on and the houses we live in. But trees also provide other critical benefits that we often take for granted including clean water and clean air. Forests also offer families the opportunity to take a peaceful walk and picnic on a sunny afternoon; provide children with the perfect atmosphere to learn about the great outdoors; and serve as a refuge for animals and plants. Take some time to explore the great outdoors. 2011 marks the 56th year of the National Association of Conservation Districts National Stewardship Week. Help us celebrate National Stewardship Week, April 24 to May 1. Contact your county conservation district or visit www.nacdnet.org for more information. The Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Conservation Districts are members of the National Association of Conservation Districts, which oversees the Stewardship Week program. Stewardship Week is one of the largest national annual programs to promote conservation. NACD represents the nation's 3,000 conservation districts, which were established to encourage resource conservation across the country. Additional information about forestry education is available on the NACD website at www.nacdnet.org/education/resources/.

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Joint Meeting of the 2nd Kentucky Invasive Species Conference and 13th Annual Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Conference, May 3—5, Lexington. The joint meeting of the 2nd Kentucky Invasive Species Conference and the 13th Annual Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council conference will encompass topics related to the research, management, outreach, education, and policy of invasive species in the eastern and central regions of the United States. Topics include ecology of invasive species and their impact on ecosystem functions and processes; invasive species management; and, invasive species education and policy. Visit <http://invasives2011.org> for conference information.

TIRE AMNESTY - LAST CHANCE IN 2011 TO GET RID OF TIRES FREE. In cooperation with the Cabinet for Energy & Environment, Boone, Campbell and Kenton Counties will be hosting Tire Amnesty. County residents may bring an UNLIMITED number of tires to specific locations in May for FREE disposal. This program only occurs once every four years so now is the time to get rid of those tires. Tire retailers and tire dealers are prohibited from participating. Tires on and off of the rims will be accepted but the following **WILL NOT be accepted**: foam filled tires, off-road construction and equipment tires, and solid tires with pressed-on rims or tires larger than tractor size.

BOONE: From **May 4-7** between the hours of 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, bring tires to the Boone County Public Works Yard at the end of Maplewood Drive in Burlington (past the Fairgrounds). Bavarian Landfill will also host the Tire Amnesty on **May 4 -7** from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at its facility at the end of McCoy Fork Road just outside of Walton. To learn more, call Mary Dickey at 859-334-3151 or visit <http://www.boonecountyky.org/BCSWM/Default.aspx>.

KENTON: From **May 12-14** during the hours of 8:00 am to 6:00 pm the Kenton County Fiscal Court will host Tire Amnesty at the Kentucky State Highway Facility at 3L Highway. To learn more about Kenton County's Tire Amnesty, call Roger Wells at 859-392-1920 or visit http://www.kentoncounty.org/county_departments/public_works/solid_waste_&_recycling/index.html.

CAMPBELL: From **May 19-21** during the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm the Campbell County Fiscal Court will host Tire Amnesty at the Campbell Co. Road Department, 1175 Racetrack Rd., Alexandria. To learn more about Campbell County's Tire Amnesty, call David Plummer at 859-547-1802 or visit www.campbellcountyky.org and click Solid Waste for updates and information about other clean up events.

Hunter Education Class, Sat., May 21, 7:30 a.m. to completion. Moonlite Hunting and Fishing Club, 3655 Possum Path, Burlington. If you plan to hunt in Kentucky, were born after January 1, 1975 you must attend a Hunter Education Course. All courses are free, with cost covered by Kentucky's Department of Fish and Wildlife. Classes are lead by certified Hunter Education Instructors, and designed to help you become a safe, ethical, and responsible hunter. Course content includes classroom instruction and shooting instruction with different firearms and archery. Note that pre-registration is required for some classes. For a complete list of all classes scheduled visit www.fw.ky.gov. For questions about classes in Northern Kentucky, call 859-472-1333.

Alternative Agriculture Cost Share Program, Campbell County Conservation District. Applications for first ranking due Fri., May 20, 4:00 p.m. The Campbell County Conservation District has received funding through the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share fund for a new program aimed at supporting alternative agriculture enterprises. The program is limited to landowners in Campbell County with 10 or more acres involved in an agricultural enterprise not traditionally included in federal or state cost share programs. Examples include equestrian, horticultural, forestry, agri-tourism, aquaculture, apiaries, and small farm animals. Projects must include one or more Best Management Practice endorsed by the Kentucky Agriculture Water Quality Authority. There must be a natural resource management problem that is adversely affecting soil and/or water resources on the farm. Applicants will be required to provide at least 25% of the cost of the project. A total of \$7,500 in grants funds is available. For information or grant forms, contact Linda Grizzell at the Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net or visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd>.

Farm Dump Grants - Applications for first ranking due Fri., May 20, 4 p.m. The Boone, Campbell and Kenton County Conservation Districts are accepting applications for cost share grants to provide assistance to landowners in cleaning up dumps on their farms. For an application or information, contact the county conservation district. Boone and Kenton counties, 6028 Camp Ernst Road, Burlington, Ky. 41005; 859-586-7903; E-mail: Boone@nkcd.org or Kenton@nkcd.org and Campbell County Conservation District, 8351 East Main Street, Alexandria, Ky. 41001; 859-635-9587; E-mail: campbellcd@fuse.net. Visit the conservation district web sites at <http://www.nkcd.org/>

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Wed., June 8, Rinse and Return Pesticide Container Recycling. Boone County Cooperative Extension Center, 10 a.m. – noon; Kenton County Cooperative Extension Center, 1 – 3 p.m.; and in Campbell County at Southern States in Alexandria from 4 – 5 p.m. The program focuses on collecting 1 – 2 ½ gallon plastic pesticide containers. For information on how to prepare containers for recycling, call your Cooperative Extension office: Boone County, 859-586-6101; Kenton County, 859-356-3155; or Campbell County, 859-572-2600. For a complete schedule, visit <http://www.kyagr.com/consumer/envsvs/technical/index.htm>

Kentucky Forest Leadership Program, June 13 – 17, Jabez, Kentucky. Deadline for applications is June 5. Weeklong program concentrates on forest management and related subjects including soil science, forest measurements, entomology, fire management, surveying, wildlife habitat assessment, water quality evaluation, wood products. Open to students entering junior or senior year of high school. Fee is \$350, which includes program and room and board at the Lake Cumberland 4-H Educational Center in Jabez (near Somerset). Partial scholarships may be available through your county conservation district or extension service. Contact Douglas McLaren at 859-257-2703 or e-mail: dmclaren@uky.edu.

June 20 - 26, National Pollinator Week. To find out more about the vital role of pollinators, visit www.pollinator.org. Five years ago the U.S. Senate's unanimous approval and designation of the last week in June as "National Pollinator Week" marked a necessary step toward addressing the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations. Pollinating animals, including bees, birds, butterflies, bats, beetles and others, are vital to our delicate ecosystem, supporting terrestrial wildlife, providing healthy watershed, and more.

June 23 – 25, Ohio River Way Paddlefest. Paddlefest is the largest canoe/kayak paddling event in the Midwest with over 2,000 paddlers making their way down the Ohio river. **Thurs., June 23** is the **Kids Outdoor Adventure Expo** presented by Hamilton County Park District, & RiverWorks Discovery, for children to learn weather patterns, how catch a fish, sustainable energy, bird species, gardening, how to recycle and more. Every child learns about water safety, how to safely paddle in water and the proper way to wear a life jacket. On **Friday, June 24**, the **Ohio River Music & Outdoor Festival** takes place in the picnic grove at Coney Island. Listen to live music, participate in the kayak fishing contest, Cardboard Boat Races, silent auction, ACA SmartStart kayak lessons, Outdoor Gear Market & Vendor Fair, and Gear Swap & Flea Market. **Paddle the Ohio on Sat., June 25** on the 8.2 mile float trip, 11 mile Amateur race or the 14 mile Pro race. For information, visit <http://www.ohioriverway.org/> or call 513.588.6936.

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Thomas More College S.T.E.M. Summer Institute, July 10 – 15. (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Camp) The 7th annual Summer S.T.E.M. Institute will be held July 10-15, 2011. If you are a high school student interested in exploring the S.T.E.M. disciplines, then Thomas More's Institute could be the experience of a lifetime. For five days and five nights, you will live on campus, work alongside college professors and participate in hands-on projects out in the field, on the Ohio River, at the Biology Field Station, at the Observatory and in the science labs at Thomas More. For additional information & application materials, please visit www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation.

Campbell County Backroads Farm Tour, Sat., July 23, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Campbell County Farms will open their gates for you to spend a day in the country for the **Backroads Farm Tour** hosted by the Campbell County Farmland Workgroup. For more information on the Backroads Farm Tour or locations to pick up tour maps, visit <http://home.fuse.net/campbellcd> or contact the Campbell County Conservation District at 859-635-9587.

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Hunter Education Class, Sat., Aug. 20, 7:30 a.m. to completion. Campbell County Game and Fish Club, 11218 S. Licking Pike, Alexandria, KY. If you plan to hunt in Kentucky, were born after January 1, 1975 you must attend a Hunter Education Course. All courses are free, with cost covered by Kentucky's Department of Fish and Wildlife. Classes are lead by certified Hunter Education Instructors, and designed to help you become a safe, ethical, and responsible hunter. Course content includes classroom instruction and shooting instruction with different firearms and archery. Note that pre-registration is required for some classes. For a complete list of all classes scheduled visit www.fw.ky.gov. For questions about classes in Northern Kentucky, call 859-472-1333.

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Wed., Sept. 14, Rinse and Return Pesticide Container Recycling. Boone County Cooperative Extension Center, 10 a.m. – noon; Kenton County Cooperative Extension Center, 1 – 3 p.m.; and in Campbell County (location to be announced) from 4 – 5 p.m. The program focuses on collecting 1 – 2 ½ gallon plastic pesticide containers. For information on how to prepare containers for recycling, call your Cooperative Extension office: Boone County, 859-586-6101; Kenton County, 859-356-3155; or Campbell County, 859-572-2600. For a complete schedule, visit <http://www.kyagr.com/consumer/envsvs/technical/index.htm>

Hunter Education Class, Sat., Sept. 17, 7:30 a.m. to completion. Dutchman's Rod & Gun Club, 3651 Petersburg Road, Bullittsville. If you plan to hunt in Kentucky, were born after January 1, 1975 you must attend a Hunter Education Course. All courses are free, with cost covered by Kentucky's Department of Fish and Wildlife. Classes are lead by certified Hunter Education Instructors, and designed to help you become a safe, ethical, and responsible hunter. Course content includes classroom instruction and shooting instruction with different firearms and archery. Note that pre-registration is required for some classes. For a complete list of all classes scheduled visit www.fw.ky.gov. For questions about classes in Northern Kentucky, call 859-472-1333.

Hunter Education Class, Wed. & Thurs., Sept. 21 & 22, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m., and Sat., Sept. 24, 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Kenton Game & Fish Association, 10501 Locust Pike, Ryland. If you plan to hunt in Kentucky, were born after January 1, 1975 you must attend a Hunter Education Course. All courses are free, with cost covered by Kentucky's Department of Fish and Wildlife. Classes are lead by certified Hunter Education Instructors, and designed to help you become a safe, ethical, and responsible hunter. Course content includes classroom instruction and shooting instruction with different firearms and archery. Note that pre-registration is required for some classes. For a complete list of all classes scheduled visit the Kentucky Fish & Wildlife's website at fw.ky.gov. For questions about classes in Northern Kentucky, call 859-472-1333.

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Sheep & Goat Fall Field Day, Thurs., Oct. 20. Kentucky State University Farm, Frankfort. Phone 502-597-6437, or visit <http://organic.kysu.edu/>.

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Small Farm Conference & AgrAbility, Thurs., Nov. 17. Kentucky State University Farm, Frankfort. Phone 502-597-6437, or visit <http://organic.kysu.edu/>.

2011 Kentucky Agricultural Summit: Agricultural Economy & Rural Communities, Fri., Nov. 18, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Commonwealth Convention Center, Louisville, Kentucky. Plan to attend this one-of-a-kind event, featuring agricultural leaders from across the country. If you are part of Kentucky's rural agricultural economy, you will want to be there. More information will be coming soon at www.kyagcouncil.org. Presented by Kentucky Agricultural Council Lead sponsor: Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund with additional support from Kentucky Proud.

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