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**NEWLY ADOPTED PROJECTS**

- ◆ Bridges of Fentress County
- ◆ Community Park, City of Smithville
- ◆ Farmers Market, DeKalb County
- ◆ Community Building, Jackson County
- ◆ Readyville Mill, Cannon County
- ◆ Animal Shelter, Smith County
- ◆ Yellowwood Tree Project, Jackson County
- ◆ Town of Monterey, Putnam County

**York Institute ~ Baseball Tomorrow Funds**

York Institute in Fentress County did not have a baseball field. The high school team had to travel by van off campus to practice and play home

games. The only field available in the county was also utilized by the Babe Ruth League, men's softball league, and as a soccer field. Scheduling use

of the sole field was chaotic and created significant stress and conflict within the community.

Situated on a portion of the school grounds already owned by York Institute, the design was developed by the building trade's class of for construction of the buildings. Children from age 5 to 18 will be served by this project by provid-

ing a primary field for York Institute's high school team. An additional field will loosen restrictions on the youth baseball program and allow increased participation in the program. Younger aged children will be able to participate in the youth baseball program by the lessening of pressure on the older field resulting in an increase in the total number of teams using the fields.

Over 30 partners, agency, government entities, and individuals have come together to offer their time, services, and monetary gifts to ensure the completion of this project. School maintenance and janitorial personnel will perform routine maintenance and janitorial services for the field, fences, buildings, and dugouts. The school's Building Trades Class will provide any needed extensive maintenance repairs. Success abounds everywhere !!!



*Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns. - George Eliott*

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**Hull-York Lakeland RC&D Council Annual Report**

**Coordinator Callings** *by Kathy Daugherty*

Greetings! I hope I have met most of you by now. If I have not, I truly want to do so. One thing I have learned since coming to HYL, this Council is dedicated, hard-working and passionate about RC&D. My kind of people!

I have great staff assistance here with Dimple Geesling who holds a wealth of knowledge. She continues to make my job so much easier.

We are a team.

The Council has completed many excellent projects in the past, have several projects that are continuous, and much work that lies ahead. Many new projects have come before the Council and been adopted.

They are listed on page 4.

These, along with projects currently in the Annual

Plan of Work, make for a full and active Council.

Notice the Fall Mtg change and articles on projects throughout this past year.

Hope you enjoy !!!

*Kathy*



*Fall is my favorite time of year. -K. D.  
 Autumn is my favorite season. -Johnny Kelly*

**~TOGETHER AGAIN~  
 TACD/HYL Fall Meeting**

The Fall meetings for both the TACD Area and HYL will be combined again and held at one time and in one place. The joint meeting will be on

Thursday, November 6th, at TN Tech University's Hyder-Burks Pavilion. Registration will begin at 5:30 pm with the program at 6 pm.

We know this will please those who wish to only attend one Fall Meeting for both organizations.

Hope to see you there !!!

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**Upcoming Dates of Interest:**

≈October 26, 2008 New NRCS Cookeville Area instituted  
 ≈November 6, 2008 TACD/HYL Fall Meeting, TTU Hyder-Burks Pavilion, 6pm  
 (HYL Executive Mtg at 4:30 pm)

## Smith County Farmers Market

This project has been a cooperative effort between the RC&D Council, Smith County Government, Rural Development and the NRCS. The RC&D council provided support with developing the application for a Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) available through Rural Development in the amount of \$40,000. The Smith County Government provided matching funds. They re-

quested technical assistance from NRCS to provide Cultural Resource and Environmental Impact reports to remain in compliance with provisions of the RBEG contract.

The facility realized its full potential beginning in the spring of 2008. It provides a great opportunity to local producers in marketing



Autumn is a second Spring where every leaf is a flower. — Albert Camus

their truck crops and value added products without having to travel outside of the county. The location was situated for high visibility and high traffic volume.

## York Institute @ National Envirothon Contest in SW

After York Institute from Fentress County won the HYL Regional Envirothon, they went on to win the TN Envirothon which secured them a trip to Flagstaff, Arizona.

It must have been an awe-inspiring trip for them all, as evidenced by Kayla's quote at left. This was in the Canon Envirothon's Newsletter from day 6 of their trip.



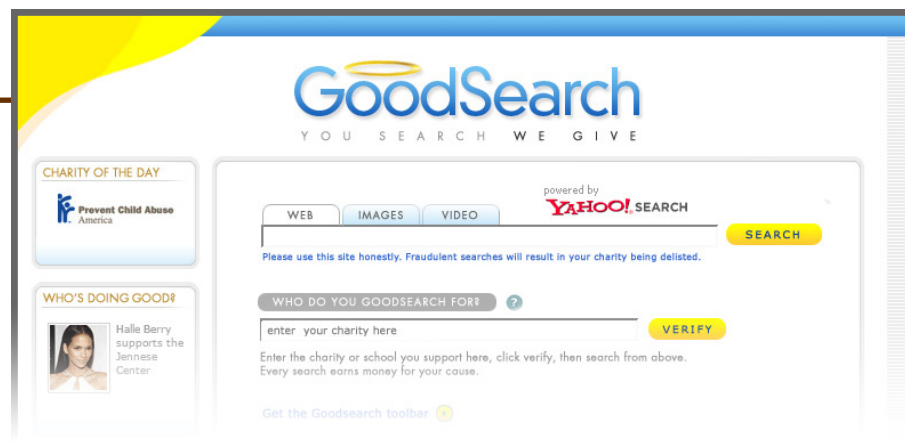
Grand Canyon - "It's not a matter of beauty; it's a matter of magnificence." Kayla Samber, Tennessee

## Help HYL RC&D ~ Use GoodSearch

What if Hull-York Lakeland RC&D had a penny for every time you searched the Internet?

Search the web with [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and money from Yahoo advertisers will go to Hull-York Lakeland RC&D without you spending a dime!

Just enter "Hull York Lakeland" as your Charity



## Post Oak Creek Bio-Assessment EPA319 Project

Post Oak Creek is a sub-watershed of Falling Water River located half in Putnam County and half in White County. It consists of approximately 8.7 miles of stream channel and drains 16,192 acres of predominately agricultural land. Most of the agriculture in this watershed consists of beef operations. Resulting water quality testing by TDEC (Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation) in 1998 and 2002 resulted in Post Oak Creek being placed on the 303(d) impaired list due to agriculture. This Project included a detailed watershed bioassessment survey which identified specific locations where there was degradation of water quality.

All partners were invited to a meeting on February 22, 2008, with Dr. Stephen Cook who conducted the Bio-Assessment. Dr. Cook presented his findings and answered questions for the partners. The Biological As-

essment was completed on 10 different stream sampling sites. The results were surprising. Six sites were found to be 'fully supporting' with only four 'slightly impaired'. Only one of the 'slightly impaired' sites was related to agriculture. Results show Post Oak Creek was not as impaired as assumed by original water quality testing and that the impairment was primarily due to non-agriculture sources. Data was presented to TN Department of Environment and Conservation to utilize during their next watershed assessment of Post Oak Creek. Next, another public meeting will be held to present the findings to the public and a watershed plan will be prepared for the watershed.



## TN RC&D Council Annual Meeting ~ Fall Creek Falls State Park

Hull-York Lakeland RC&D Council was the host for the TN RC&D Council's Annual Meeting held at Fall Creek Falls State Park on August 7th & 8th, 2008.

Opening Session included TN Dept of Tourist Development's Susan Whitaker, TN Dept of Environ & Conservation's David Owenby, and Dodd Galbreath with Lipscomb's Institute for Sustainable Practice.

Breakout Sessions included topics on Council Member Training, Agricultural Land Trusts, and Sustaining Communities and Councils.



Delightful entertainment was provided by Council members, staff, and NRCS personnel. Our own Tom Pointer was speechless

"Again, thanks for outstanding annual meeting."  
- Bill Williams, President, TN RC&D Council, Inc.

when he was the recipient of two awards: 2008 Council Member of the Year & 2008 Hall of Fame Award. *Congratulations, Tom !!!*

After a Park Tour, updates from State Conservationist's Kevin Brown and TACD's Danny Sells were heard at the Business Session. All adjourned and went home...

## AgriLeadership 20/20

AgriLeadership 20/20 kicked off its 2008 session with 17 participants. They were from a diverse background of agriculture, education, government, wildlife, forestry, agri-business, Soil Conservation, and RC&D Council members. The sessions target critical issues necessary to succeed as a leader in agriculture. It's mission is to de-

velop the leadership skills of agricultural producers and agribusiness people by empowering them to advance the industry through the education and understanding of technological advances, policies, laws and regulations, and to communicate this philosophy and knowledge to others to improve the rural quality of life.

Eligible Counties for the 2009 class are: Cumberland, Fentress, Morgan, Overton, Pickett, Scott.



It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn. — B. C. Forbes