2011 Annual Report
Winston County Extension Office
Standing left to right, Portia Watkins, Jim Casteel, and Mike Henshaw
Seated left to right: Annette Casteel, Susan Hill, and Beth Gilbreath.
Not pictured, Hannah Gilbreath.
Strategic Program Initiatives

- Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan
- Workforce Development
- Safe and Secure Food Supply
- Financial Literacy Across the Lifespan
- Sustainable Agricultural and Forestry Systems
- Environmental Stewardship
Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan
Tomato Workshop
The 4-H Roundup meeting had a lot of blue, red, and white ribbons awarded for cooking, woodworking, photography, storytelling, and rocks blocks. Jay Conway, 4-H REA, talks to one of the 4-H’ers about his woodworking skills.
4-H Newspaper Articles
During the school year he teaches approximately 80 after school classes.
Healthy Snacks, Exercising, and Earth Ethics are just a few of the programs provided by grant money shared with Winston County students. Donna Shanklin, Regional Extension Agent, instructed these classes at some of the Winston County schools.
The annual Kid's Fishing Derby was held Saturday, June 11, 2011, on the Bankhead National Forest. About fifty youth and their families came out for a morning of fishing and fun! The Winston County Extension office helped secure the $2,500 for this event.
Anti-Tobacco Program
Elaine Softley-Regional Extension Agent
Human Nutrition Diet and Health
Other Programs in Nutrition Diet and Health

- Nutrition Program-Seymour Beville Daycare Parents
- Nutrition Program Double Springs Civitan Club, January, 2011
- Nutrition and Health News Articles
The 4-H Shooting Sports Club continues to grow in Addison. With the help of several leaders, volunteers, and Jay Conway, 4-H Regional Extension Agent, the students are learning the fun of shooting, competition, and firearm safety.
Nutrition classes are fun, especially when you get to eat the finished product! This year iPads were introduced to the students to enhance learning. Annette Casteel, Agent Assistant, is the instructor at the Winston County schools.
2011 Winston County Youth Funding

4-H Specific Funding

Winston County Farmers Federation $1,150

Total $1,150

Other youth/4-H Funding

21st Century Grant for After School Programs $10,000

Water Quality Grant from Winston County Smith Lake Advocacy Inc. $1,000

Youth Fishing Derby Grant from Winston County Commission $2,500

FAWN Transportation Grant from Winston County Commission $1,000

Total $14,500

GRAND TOTAL $15,650
RAI Grant to the Alternative School which provided 10 laptop computers and educational software.
Workforce Development
The Winston County Extension Office is one of the partners in the Winston County Assign-A-Highway Program which gives parolees an opportunity to provide court-assigned community service.
Welcome to the
Winston County Natural Resources
PLM Workshop

Friday, August 12, 2011
American Legion Post 184
Double Springs, AL 35553

Continuing Education Credit:
- 6 Professional Logger Manager (PLM) points
- 6 Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) points

Registration is $20.00 per person. Pre-registration is required by Friday, August 5, 2011.
Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and return to the address on the form.
Lunch will be provided.

The American Legion Post 184 is located on Highway 278 west of Double Springs,
approximately 2 mile west of Highway 278 & Highway 195 North intersection. For further
information, call Johnny Frankel at (205) 488-5914.
Safe and Secure Food Supply
As of this year, ServSafe is a required certification that restaurant owners must have before opening their business. In 2010, Susan Hill, Food Preservation and Food Safety REA, held 12 Serve-Safe Classes with a 90% passing rate for 250 restaurant owners and employees. Tuition for these classes totaled over $31,000.
Our Winston County office is one of many locations where the ServSafe training is held. The Winston County Office also serves as a point of contact for food workers across the region.
Servsafe Class in Lauderdale County
20 participants - 18 passed
There were some “teary eyes” from chopping peppers and onions during Susan Hill’s *Sassy Salsa* Food Preservation class.
The students of Susan Hill’s class, House of Horrible Germs, seem to be enjoying learning how to wash their hands the correct way. They also got to see under black lights what happens when you don’t! Susan is the Regional Extension Agent and is located in the Winston County Office.
Financial Literacy Across the Lifespan
MoneyWise Workshop-Birmingham
Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry Systems
Storm Relief
Farmers Market 2011

New Farmers Market Site at Rocky Ravine Park in Haleyville
Plasticulture and Drip Irrigation Demonstration at Brannon Farm
Drip Irrigation Demonstrations 2011
Letters are sent out annually offering classes for growers/farmers whose private applicator pesticide license will be expiring this year.
There were 80 traps placed in different locations around the county to monitor for the presence of a serious forest pest, the Gypsy Moth. Funds received from this project support other county extension activities.
Once a month the Winston County Natural Resources Council, which is made up of natural resources agencies and private landowners, meets to plan various activities and discuss areas of concern regarding our natural resources.
July Council Minutes

The Winston County Natural Resources Council met at the U. S. Forest Service Office in Double Springs on Thursday, July 21, 2011. Present were: Allison Cochran, LaVerne Matheson, Mike Henshaw, John Creed, Johnna Franks, Chris Wright, Carl Godsey, James Burnett, and Wade Hill. Johnna reported that the balance in the treasury was $6,877.76. The following items of business were discussed:

- James Burnett updated the council on the status of the grant proposal that is under consideration at the Winston County Commission. He said that he would check on the proposal this week, but did not foresee any problems. There may be some time left in...
Environmental Stewardship
LaVerne Matheson, President of WCSLAI, presents the Council with a $1,000 check to support the FAWN program for Winston County sixth graders.
Over 330 Winston County 6th grade students, 16 teachers, and 30 volunteers participated in the annual FAWN program.
Why do watersheds matter? Even if you don’t live on the lake you are affected by the health of the watershed. Your drinking water, tourism, agriculture, economy, and fishing, swimming and boating, are all affected by the health of the watershed. Meetings such as these help assure we keep our community aware of the need to keep our watersheds healthy.
Thank you for your participation today, and for your continued support of the Winston County Extension Office!