

# BENT CONSERVATION DISTRICT QUARTERLY NEWS

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Las Animas Elementary L to R:  
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Nevland-3rd



## 2022 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

5TH GRADE STUDENTS FROM LAS ANIMAS  
AND MCCLAVE SCHOOLS

Our annual conservation poster contest winners were celebrated at the Annual Meeting. These fifth grade students from Las Animas and McClave Elementary Schools were asked to create a poster that included the theme for the year of "Healthy Soil Healthy Life". The words had to be somewhere on the page and the rest was their own creation.

Bent Conservation District recognized the top three placers from each school. All six winners made it to the Annual Meeting where they were presented their framed posters along with a check. First Place received \$50, Second Place received \$30 and 3rd Place \$20.

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McClave Elementary L to R:  
Lacy Jones-3rd, Everly Homm-2nd, Presley Vallejos-1st

# ANNUAL MEETING

## BENT CONSERVATION DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 23, 2023

After a few years off due to a pandemic, the Bent Conservation District hosted their 79th Annual Meeting at the John W Rawlings Heritage Center in Las Animas. The annual meeting started at 6:05 p.m. Special guests joining us were introduced. NRCS- BJ Jones, James Brenner, Deric Clemans. FSA- Hallie Barlow, Mark Nelson, Timmery Foster. Bent Conservation District Board- Robin Karney, Anita Pointon, Brent Wertz and District Manager- Ashley Grasser. Past president and master of ceremonies- Pat Karney.

The board president Robin Karney presented each of the 3 poster contest winners from each school with checks and their framed posters. We then enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by McClave FFA and Alumni. After dinner we enjoyed a presentation on Virtual Fencing put on virtually by Upper Ark Conservation District Manager, Natalie Allio and was joined by John Abizaid with VENCE. If you would like to learn more about virtual fencing please contact the office.

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## BENT CONSERVATION DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIPS

The 2023 Scholarship application is now open. If you are a senior in high school going into an agriculture field of study then please make sure you apply. The instructions as well as the application can be found on the district website: [www.bentcd.com](http://www.bentcd.com), click on the education outreach tab and then click on the button with the application and download from there. You can also request an application by email: [bentconsdist@gmail.com](mailto:bentconsdist@gmail.com), calling 719-456-0120 x 107 or stopping by: 760 Bent Ave, Las Animas. The deadline to turn in application either by email, in-person or mail is 3:00 p.m. May 4, 2023.

Recipients will be notified on May 11, 2023.

A delicious meal of Brisket and all the trimmings prepared by the McClave FFA Chapter and Alumni. Pictured here is a few of the members and the Chapter Advisor who helped serve the dinner.



The Bent Conservation District strives to recognize outstanding student leadership, community services, and to promote participation in agriculture related fields.

## Conservation Reserve Program

### CRP General sign-up

Do you have an area that you grew crops on at least once in the last 10 years? If so you may be eligible to sign-up for General CRP. The deadline is April 7 to sign up. For more information contact FSA at 719-456-0120 option 2.

### REVENUE LOSS ASSISTANCE

Emergency Relief Program Phase 2 and Pandemic Assistance Revenue Program



### ERP Phase II-PARP

Deadline for this program is fast approaching, June 2, 2023. For the application and more information please visit [farmers.gov](https://farmers.gov)

Spring crop acreage reporting deadline July 15, 2023.

# NRCS



### Local Work Group

Local Work Group meetings are a great opportunity to collect local priorities, resource concerns, and information for land owners in your Conservation District.

Not only is this helpful to direct your District's activities, it also helps inform both local and national NRCS priorities including the 2024 Farm Bill.

## Producer & Partner INPUT WANTED

Please join us Wednesday, June 28, 2023 from 12-2 p.m.  
John Martin Reservoir Conference Room

Come share your input and enjoy a nice lunch provided by the Bent Conservation District.

We need YOUR feedback regarding local priorities, information, and concerns! We look forward to seeing you at John Martin Reservoir Conference Center, Wednesday, June 28th 2023 from 12-2 p.m. Lunch will be provided by Bent Conservation District

# Calling all current and/or previous Bent Conservation Board Supervisors

The Colorado State Conservation Board is currently seeking a Lower Ark CSCB Board Representative. Members interested either need to be currently serving on Bent Conservation District's Board of Supervisors or have previously served. If interested you would be appointed and just fill in the remainder of the year. If you like it you can run again for election or choose to walk away. The board meets four times a year at various locations. Mileage is paid for as well as any hotel stays if needed. For more information please contact the District Manager, Ashley at 719-456-0120 x 107.

## Colorado State Conservation Board's Annual Report

Click the link below:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/13Pkx8PZG6HdoxNpL5CbMOKT0AMvC4CY0/view>

CACD (Colorado Association of Conservation Districts) is also seeking a Lower Ark Representative again if interested please contact Ashley at 719-456-0120 x 107 or attend the Lower Ark Watershed meeting on April 28th at the CSU Research Center in Rocky Ford from 12-3 pm.



59TH YEAR AND  
AWARD WINNING -  
CAMP ROCKY  
July 9th-14th 2023  
DIVIDE, COLORADO

### Outdoor Natural Resource Conservation Adventures

Youth: Ages 14-19

Camp Rocky is a week-long residential camp for youth ages 14-19 who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. There are four areas of study:

- Soil & Water Conservation
- Rangeland Science
- Fish & Wildlife Management
- Forest Management

Bent Conservation District has scholarships available to students interested in attending the camp. Please contact the office to get on the list: 719-456-0120 x 107, or email: [bentconsdist@gmail.com](mailto:bentconsdist@gmail.com) stop by: 760 Bent Ave, Las Animas.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

- 04/03/23- STAR+ Grant Applications Due
- 04/07/23- General CRP sign up deadline
- 04/13/23 -Bent Cons. Dist. Meeting 10 a.m
- 04/28/23- Lower Ark Watershed Meeting 12-3 p.m. Rocky Ford Research Center
- 04/30-5/7/23- National Stewardship Week
- 05/04/23- Bent Cons. Dist. Scholarship Applications due by 3 p.m.
- 05/11/23- Bent Cons. Dist. Meeting 10 a.m.
  - Notify scholarship recipients
- 05/29/23- USDA building closed- Memorial Day
- 06/02/23- ERP Phase II and PARP deadline
- 06/08/23 -Bent Cons. Dist. Meeting 10 a.m.
- 06/19/23- USDA building closed- Juneteenth
- 07/04/23- USDA building closed- Independence Day
- 07/13/23- Bent Cons. Dist. Meeting 10 a.m.
- 07/15/23- Spring Crop Reporting Deadline
  - ARC-IC yields for crop year 2022
  - Local Work Group Meetings deadline



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