

# UINTA COUNTY

# Connection



*Out with the Old; in with the new!*

It seems like just yesterday we were anxiously awaiting the arrival of the year 2000, and now we are suddenly celebrating the emergence of 2010; where did the last 10 years go? For most of us, ringing in a new year also means taking a hard look at things we want to do differently in the year ahead. Whether you make resolutions and stick to them, or don't make them at all; a new year means a new beginning. Here at the Conservation District, we want to make 2010 an outstanding year. We want to plan workshops that will give you the tools you need to implement your projects, provide education that is practical and useful, and help you complete projects that will make our community a better place to live. So, with this New Year, we want to challenge each of you to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to help you learn and grow. The Conservation District plans to offer a number of workshops and opportunities for the community to be involved in what we are doing. Watch the papers, visit our website, sign up for our newsletter or just give us a call to find out what we have in store for 2010. We are also open to suggestions, so don't be afraid to let us know where we can improve or what kinds of things you would like to learn more about. Take a few minutes to visit our website at [www.uintacountycd.com](http://www.uintacountycd.com), email us at [kerri.sabey@wy.nacdnet.net](mailto:kerri.sabey@wy.nacdnet.net) or call us at 307-747-UCCD (8223), we look forward to meeting and working with you in 2010!

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## *Are You Drinking What You Ate Last Night?*

Ok-now that I've got your attention, I want to invite you to attend our Septic System workshop on **February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6-8pm** at the **Lyman Town Hall**. At this workshop you will learn how to protect our groundwater through proper septic system management. If you do not maintain your system, you may need to replace it costing you thousands of dollars. A failing septic system can also contaminate groundwater that might be a source of drinking water; hence the title of this article.

So, plan to spend an evening with us

learning about how a septic system functions and how to maintain it so that it works effectively. Don George with the Uinta County Planning office will discuss the rules and regulations for installing a septic system as well as the permitting process. Kerri Sabey with UCCD will talk about the Conservation Districts Septic System Remediation cost share program that is available to homeowners whose systems are located near surface water. There will also be valuable handouts and a septic system model that will simulate how a septic system works and how the water

flows through the system, into the soil and eventually into the groundwater.

For your health, your family's health, and to protect the environment, you need to know how your septic system functions and how to maintain it. This workshop will help you do that. So, to avoid drinking what you ate last night, plan to attend this workshop on February 23<sup>rd</sup>! Please **RSVP** to the Conservation District by noon on February 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling 747-UCCD (8223) or emailing [kerri.sabey@wy.nacdnet.net](mailto:kerri.sabey@wy.nacdnet.net) if you plan to attend.

## Conservation Assistance Grants



The Uinta County Conservation District is once again offering 3, \$1,000 grants for conservation and natural resource related projects and educational materials. UCCD created this grant program to get projects on the ground that benefit our natural resources and our communities. Projects may be done on public or private land, providing proper permission is submitted. Projects must benefit the community and the watershed and may include beautification for public enjoyment, water quality improvements, erosion control, wildlife habitat improvement, or be educationally related including the purchase of educational materials. Groups or individuals may apply. The possibilities are endless! If you have a project in mind, but aren't sure if it will qualify for the grant program, give us a call and we can visit about it.

**Grant  
Application  
Deadline  
March 15, 2010**

We invite you to help us improve and enhance our communities while benefiting our natural landscape. Apply today! Applications are available at the Uinta County Conservation District office in Lyman, at the County Libraries or at the County Extension Office. You may also download the application from our website at [www.uintacountycd.com](http://www.uintacountycd.com) or send us an email for an electronic copy. If you have questions please call Kerri at 307-747-UCCD (8223)

## Seedling Tree Order Time

Things To Consider When Ordering Seedlings:

- ◆ What do you want to accomplish with your planting?
- ◆ Where will the planting go?
- ◆ What type of soil is in the area?
- ◆ How will you water your planting?
- ◆ Are there any utilities in the area?
- ◆ How will you protect your trees from weather, insects, rodents, livestock or wildlife?

**Seedling  
Order  
Deadline  
April 15, 2010**

If you need help designing your planting or have any other questions about how you can participate in our tree program, give us a call at (307) 747-UCCD (8223).

Seedling tree order forms are available at:

◆ Uinta County Conservation District,  
100 East Sage Street, Lyman, WY 82937  
[www.uintacountycd.com](http://www.uintacountycd.com) Email: [kerri.sabey@wy.nacdn.net](mailto:kerri.sabey@wy.nacdn.net)

- ◆ U.W. Cooperative Extension Service in Evanston  
228 9th Street, Evanston, WY 82930-3416



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# Education Happenings

## UINTA COUNTY STUDENTS WIN STATE POSTER CONTEST



Each year the Uinta County Conservation District hosts a poster contest for kindergarten through twelfth grade students. This is an excellent opportunity for the youth of our communities to express their individual talents and thoughts about conservation and our natural resources through art.

Participants that win at the local level advance to the state contest. For the 2009 contest, **DIG IT**, **The Secrets of Soil**, Uinta County had four students win the state contest: Braxton Sabey (Urie Elementary); Dakota Johnson (Fort Bridger Elementary); Wyatt Gross (Fort Bridger Elementary); Alexis Stoddard (Mt. View Middle School). At both the local and state level, participants won cash prizes. Uinta County Conservation District would like to say congratulations to each of these students for their hard work and a job well done!! All four of these posters will compete in the national contest this coming February.

The Uinta County Conservation District will host the local level contest again this coming spring. The 2010 contest theme is, **Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats**. If you would like to find out more about the contest, please give us a call at 307-747-8224.



## WORLD WATER MONITORING DAY

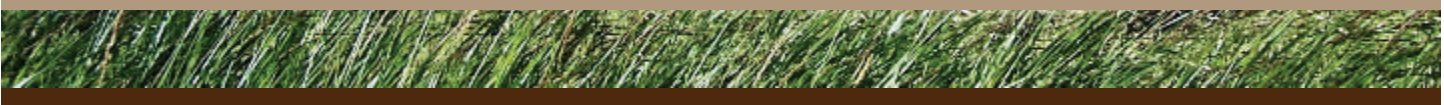
UCCD celebrated WWMD with the Mountain View 5th graders, by taking them to the Smiths Fork river to test the pH, temperature, dissolved oxygen and turbidity of the water. After collecting the results, the students calculated the flow of the water by dumping environmentally friendly bright green dye into the water and timing how fast the dye traveled down stream.

WWMD is an educational outreach program developed to provide awareness and encourage communities to be proactive in protecting our waterways. WWMD day is celebrated internationally with 39 countries celebrating together, having monitored 3900 sites. WWMD is a great opportunity to participate and become informed about the health of our local waterways.



## EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS

For over 60 years, the Uinta County Conservation District (UCCD) has promoted the stewardship of our natural resources through education and project implementation. A key component in this stewardship is actively working with the youth of Uinta County. The conservation district is offering grants to assist in this education. This unique opportunity is available to conservation minded educators for conservation, natural resource and agricultural related outdoor education. The grants are available for up to \$1,000 per event. This grant is open to Uinta County schools and youth organizations. For more information, please call (307) 747-8224.



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## *Looking Forward in 2010*

- February:** Septic System Workshop  
February 23, 2010 — 6:00 to 8:00p.m.  
Lyman Town Hall
- April:** Poster Contest  
Small Acreage Workshop  
Health Fair
- June:** Well Water Testing Day  
Range Monitoring workshop
- August:** Wyoming Stream Team Workshop
- September:** Soil Workshop  
World Water Monitoring Day

*Celebrate*

## *National Stewardship Week*

*April 25 – May 2, 2010*

Celebrate National Soil and Water Stewardship week in the classroom with Dirt Babies! Teach your students about the importance of soil. UCCD can come to your classroom to make Dirt Babies with your students. Give us a call at (307) 747-8224.



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