

# Camden Soil & Water Conservation

## Annual Dinner Meeting Planned for March 17

You are invited to attend the Camden County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual appreciation dinner. The event will be held Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at the Knights of Columbus Bauer Hall. The hall is located on west Hwy. 54 in Camdenton, approximately 1/2 mile from the intersection of highways 54 and 5. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. The buffet style meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.

This year's entertainment will be Blue Moon Bluegrass, a local bluegrass group. Members of the group include Denver Golden, John Green, Tony Smith and Tom Cravens.

Photo contest entries will also be displayed. Voting for the photo contest will be held during the meeting and winners will be announced before the evening is over. There will be two divisions this year, youth and adult.

So we can request the caterer to prepare the correct of meals, we are asking you to call or email the SWCD office indicating your name and the number of persons in your family planning to attend. Please call 573-346-5125 or email [connie.luttrell@swcd.mo.gov](mailto:connie.luttrell@swcd.mo.gov). **Deadline for response is March 10**. We have an answering machine so you may call at any time, day or evening.

### Support Your Local FFA Chapter FFA Week-Feb. 15-22

The FFA Booster Club of the Lake Career & Technical Center chapter will be having a fundraiser chili dinner, silent auction, and labor auction Friday, Feb. 27, 5:00 PM-8:00 PM. The dinner will be held at the Camdenton High School. Cost for the dinner is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children, ages 6-10. Five and under are free.

For many years the National FFA has been positively influencing the young people of this nation by developing their potential for personal growth, premiere leadership and career success through Agricultural Education. Please join the Camdenton FFA in recognizing February 21<sup>st</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> as National FFA week. Advisors for the local organization are Jeff Kitchen and Josh Toops.



Local Heroes-Your Hardworking Pollinators is the theme of this year's Soil Stewardship Week-April 26-May 3.

Did you Know?? Worldwide, approximately 1,000 plants grown for food, beverages, fibers, spices, and medicines need to be pollinated by animals in order to produce the goods on which we depend.

## *Reducing Trouble and Headaches*

*By Dennis Bruns*

Its calving season and you have your mamas and future mamas in pastures nearby. You're doing your daily check to see if you have any new babies or problems. But your count is off; you are missing 3 heifers due to have their first calves. Instead of having their babies in the field where they can be easily checked, they decide to "head for the hills" somewhere in the dense forested regions of your farm. So now you have a long walk through the woods, up and down the hill, trying to determine if that shadow you see is a cow or tree. After an hour or two you find the 3 missing mamas with their newborns, but they are hesitant about coming out of the trees.

There is a solution to this problem and the Camden SWCD can help you with it. We have a cost share practice, the N472 Livestock Exclusion, which pays about 75% of the cost of a new fence to keep your livestock out of sensitive areas such as woods, ponds, or sinkholes. Excluding livestock out of these areas benefits both the rancher and the environment. The rancher gets the peace of mind that he doesn't have to wander through the woods to find lost animals. The environment benefits by reducing soil erosion due to trampling hooves and natural tree regeneration can occur as saplings won't be killed by browsing or bark eating.

The fence can be barb wire, woven wire, or high tensile electric. It must be built to NRCS standards for total livestock exclusion and maintained for 10 years. Gates are recommended to be installed giving the rancher access to the woods for things such as hunting, pleasure horseback riding, firewood cutting, fence maintenance, etc. Grazing inside the exclusion area is not allowed at any time. Some of the woods can be left out of the exclusion area to provide summer shade for the animals or winter weather protection.

A similar cost share program that Camden SWCD provides is the WQ10. This practice excludes livestock from streams on the farm. Like the N472 the SWCD will pay 75% of the cost of building a new fence along a stream that totally excludes livestock access to the stream. Because of the flood potential, a high tensile electric fence is **strongly** recommended for this installation since it must be maintained for 10 years. If the stream is the source of drinking water for your livestock in the adjoining pasture(s) the WQ10 provides cost share for developing another water source for that field. This could be done by building a limited access to the stream, drilling a well and installing a tank, building a pond, or running a pipeline from an existing well to a tank in the pasture(s).

If you are interested in either of these cost share practices or want more information contact Dennis or Connie at the Camden SWCD office in Camdenton. The phone number is 573-346-5125.

## Fruit and Berries

The Camden and Miller Counties MU Extension will be sponsoring the following workshops on March 18, 2015

### Apples, Peaches and Grapes - pruning and spot control

Noon to 1:30 pm

Three of the most popular fruits in Missouri require pruning and spraying for optimal production. Come learn about when to prune & how, and what to spray & when. Varieties and site selection will also be reviewed. Fee \$5

### Bountiful Backyard Berries

2:30 to 4 pm

Many berries grow well in Missouri with proper selection and care, even organically if diligent. Featured will be blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and blueberries. Lesser berries will be touched on, like gooseberries, mulberries, honeyberries and wolfberries. Fee \$5

**Program Instructor:** Jim Quinn, University of Missouri, Regional Horticulture Specialist

**Location:** Central Bank of the Lake of the Ozarks Meeting Room - 3848 Osage Beach Pkwy, Osage Beach, MO

**To Register or for more information contact** Patricia Barrett – Ph. 573-369-2394 or [barrettpr@missouri.edu](mailto:barrettpr@missouri.edu)

## SWCD Election Results

At the SWCD's supervisor election, Earnest Calvert, Sr retained his position as Area 2 supervisor. Joseph Moulder was elected as a first-time supervisor to represent Area 4. Area 2 is the Camdenton-Decaturville-Osage Beach area. Area 4 is the Macks Creek area.

At the January board meeting, reorganization of the board was completed with positions voted on & elected as follows:

Earnest L Calvert, Sr—Chairman  
Joseph Moulder—Vice-Chairman  
Troy Frederick— Treasurer  
Jeff Apperson—Secretary

## Grazing School Full

The April grazing school to be held in Camdenton filled up quickly and there are no more available openings. We are keeping a waiting list. If there are cancellations, we will contact the next person on the waiting list.

There are other schools that will be held in the state this year. You can go to the following link <http://mofgc.org/schools.html> for a list of other schools. You will need to call the contact person listed for availability and cost. Each school sets their own fee.

## Natural Resources Conservation Service Realigns

In an attempt to balance the budget, NRCS in Missouri has realigned their Field Office Service Areas (FOSAs). To keep from closing offices or furloughing employees, each FOSA has been expanded to include more counties. In the past Camden, Laclede, and Pulaski Counties were part of one FOSA with the headquarters located in Lebanon. Effective February 22, Camden and Laclede will be included in the Miller and Morgan FOSA. Pulaski is now included in the Phelps and Crawford FOSA. Mike Morris will become the District Conservationist for the Camden, Laclede, Miller, & Morgan FOSA. At this time, customers in Camden County will see very little change in their service. Farm Service Agency records for the county will still be maintained in the Lebanon USDA office.

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Supervisors**



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Troy Frederick, Treasurer  
Jeff Apperson, Secretary*

**SWCD Personnel**

*Connie Luttrell, Manager  
Dennis Bruns, Technician*

**NRCS Personnel**

*Michael Morris, District Conservationist  
Alan Garton, Resource Conservationist  
Dan Silberberg, Resource Conservationist*

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**Photo  
Contest**

Grab your camera or look through your file of pictures! You could be a winner in the SWCD's photo contest. The pictures could depict any natural resource related subject (trees, plants, landscapes, wildlife, education) or even a conservation problem. Maximum size limit is 8" x 10". Black-and-white and color prints will be judged together. Photos should be taken in Missouri. There will be two divisions-one for 18 and over and anyone under 18. Photos may be dropped off at the SWCD office before March 05. Each participant may enter three photos.

Four cash prizes will be awarded in each division at the district's annual meeting on March 17. Winners will be determined by popular vote of attendees.

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