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Special points of interest:

- **Cape County Women in Ag Registration Form**
- **Drill Rental**
- **Conservation Client Gateway**

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Cape Girardeau County SWCD Newsletter

Essay Contest Recipient

This year the Cape County SWCD held their annual Essay Contest. The objective of the contest is to help out a college student who is investing their future in agriculture and comes from Cape County.

This year, it was awarded to Dillon Versemann. Versemann is a Junior at Southeast Missouri State University and majoring Agribusiness Ag. Industry. Dillon is currently trying to expand his registered angus cattle operation.

This summer Dillon is interning with Perry and Cape County Soil and Water Conservation district. After he graduates he wishes to continue working on his operation and in the Agriculture industry.



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Cape Girardeau County

Women in Ag Tour

BRING A FRIEND AND JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN AND GOOD FOOD!

When: Thursday, September 8th

Where: Meet at the Jackson Commuter lot behind the Extension office in Jackson – Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and busses will depart at 8:45 a.m.

- Knowlan Family Farm
- Guest Speaker on Honey Bees and Honey Industry
- Lunch at Applecreek Winery
- Attendance Prizes
- Pollinators

(We will have everyone back at their vehicles around 3:30 p.m.)

A \$12 registration fee is requested to defer costs.

Program is being sponsored by:

- Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Natural Resources Conservation Services
- Department of Natural Resources

REGISTRATION FOR THE WOMEN IN AG TOUR

Please register by calling the Cape Girardeau County SWCD office at 243-1487 (ext. 3) or by mailing the form below to the Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation District
480 West Jackson Trail, Jackson, MO 63755 by **Friday September 2nd 2016**

Name(s) _____

Number Attending _____

X \$12.00 = _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to: Cape SWCD

Phone Number _____

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For Rent: No Till Drills and Pasture Renovator



10' John Deere—\$9/AC—10 AC minimum

Requires a 80 HP tractor



7' Great Plains Drill—\$8/AC * 10 AC minimum

Requires a 60 HP tractor



8' Truax Drill —\$10/AC

Requires a 60 HP tractor



Offset Disk —\$30/day or \$75 /weekend

Requires a 60 HP tractor

If you would like to schedule drills or the disk, please call the office at (573)243-1467, ext. 3.

Parks, Soil and Water Sales Tax

The Soil and Water Conservation Program works to conserve Missouri's soil and water for future generations. The program includes several voluntary programs that provide agricultural landowners with incentives for using soil and water conservation practices

- The Parks, Soil and Water Sales tax is a state wide one tenth-of-one percent sales tax that provides funding for Missouri state parks and historic sites and soil and water conservation efforts. The tax is divided equally between the two efforts.
- The Parks, Soil and Water Tax was first approved by voters in 1984, and since been reapproved by voters three times. In 1988, 1996, and 2006, the tax was renewed by more than two thirds majority of Missouri voters.
- The Soil and Water Conservation Program is funded by Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax. The portion of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax that supports soil and water conservation averages about \$7 per Missourian.
- The Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax is placed on the ballot every 10 years to reaffirm the voter's support of the park system and soil and water conservation efforts. The Park, Soil and Water Sales is set to expire if not renewed by voters on the November ballot.

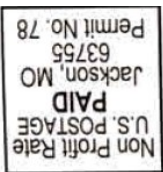


Wildlife Ways:

Did You Know..

“ The Great Blue Heron is one of the most adaptable and widespread wading birds in North America. It nest in colonies in tress, and hunts in shallow water. It wades or stand until it can catch its prey.”

Return Service Requested



Cape Girardeau County SWCD
480 W. Jackson Trail
Jackson, MO 63755

Farmer Fred - Helpful Monthly

What is Conservation Client Gateway?

Conservation Client Gateway is a secure online web application that gives landowners and land managers, operating as individuals, the ability to track their payments, report completed practices, request conservation assistance, and electronically sign documents anytime, anywhere with NRCS. Conservation Client Gateway provides users the flexibility to determine when they want to engage with NRCS online and when they prefer in-person conservation planning assistance.



If you sign up, you will be able to: request conservation assistance, request and track payments, review and electronically sign documents, and much more. If you think you may be interested in signing up for Client Gateway, or if you have more questions you can call the office (573)243-1467 or check it out on the NRCS webpage –

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/cgate/>

Mark your Calendars:



Labor Day - Office Closed



Cape County Women in Ag



Columbus Day - Offices Closed