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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The Cape County SWCD cordially invites you to attend

The Cape Girardeau County SWCD

Open House Appreciation Day

Wednesday March 17, 2010

11:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.

"Feral Hogs" Presentation at 12:00 p.m.

University of Missouri Outreach and Extension Service

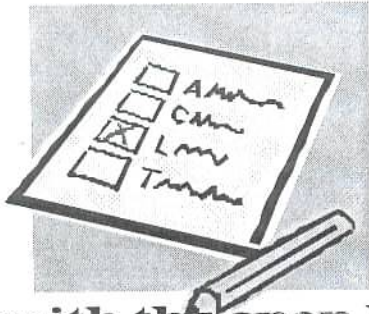
Lower Level

Awards, Refreshments, & Door Prizes

Election of Supervisors will be held

from 11:00 a.m. till 6:00 p.m.

ELECTION OF SUPERVISORS



The Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation district will be holding an election for Supervisors in Area II, which includes Byrd, Whitewater, and Kindertownships, and Area IV, which includes Hubble, Liberty, and Welch townships. The election will be held in conjunction with the open house on Wednesday, March 17th. Polls will be open from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the lower level of the University of Missouri Extension Center.

A Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor is a person elected or appointed to represent people throughout the county, and to be part of the governing body of the District. Supervisors are elected to a four year term. Supervisors administer District policies, programs, personnel, and funds. The supervisors have the authority "to promote all reasonable measures for the saving of the soil and water within that soil and water district". This leaves the Supervisors almost unlimited opportunity to execute a conservation program and makes them the key to success of the Soil and Water Conservation District. The District is supported by the one-tenth of one percent parks, soils and watersales tax, and other sources.

The candidates running for Area II are Frank Milde and Kenny Spooler. For Area IV the candidates are Larry Ahrens and Mark Reitzel. Any qualifying candidate not nominated by the committee may have their name added to the ballot if they reside in one of the two areas where an election needs to be held and have secured 10 signatures of land representative in the territory they wish to represent on petition and submit the petition to the Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors at least 10 days before the election.



6th Annual Cape and Perry County Women in Ag Tour

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

When: Friday, April 30, 2010

- Jones Heritage Farm & Market
- Lunch
- Attendance Prizes

Details are still being finalized for the day, such as meeting times and places and afternoon activities. More information will be sent out shortly or feel free to contact the office with any questions.

A \$10 registration fee is requested to defer costs.

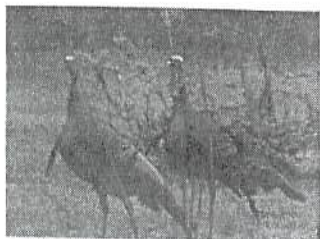
Please register by calling the Cape County SWCD office at 243-1467 (ext. 3) or the Perry County SWCD office at 547-4077 (ext.3) by Friday, April 16, 2010

Program is being sponsored by:

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

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Whitetail Deer and Wild Turkey Habitat Management Workshop



Location: Missouri Department of Conservation Cape Girardeau Nature Center

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:30 pm

Topic: How to manage for better deer and wild turkey habitat

Presenters: John Burk, NWTF Biologist, Missouri

Jason Sumners, MDC Resource Staff Scientist/Deer Biologist

Sponsored by the Trail of Tears Branch, Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) and the Bootheel Boss Gobblers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation

CONGRATULATIONS



The Cape Girardeau County Soil and Water Conservation District would like to acknowledge recent award winners in the NRCS / SWCD county office. First we would like to congratulate District Technician, Denise Yamnitz (pictured top left). On December 1, 2009, at the annual training conference, Denise was awarded the 2009 State Technical Award for outstanding technical assistance. She was chosen from technicians from across the state for this honor. Secondly we would like to congratulate NRCS District Conservationist,



James Hunt (pictured right with NRCS State Conservationist J.R. Flores). On January 21, 2010, James received an extra effort award for the high quality EQIP and CSP assistance provided to the landowners in the Jackson/Perryville FOSA during fiscal year 2009. James was also recognized for his 20 years of service to the NRCS. Lastly, we would like to congratulate NRCS Soil Conservationist, Monica Siler (picture bottom left with NRCS State Conservationist J.R. Flores). On January 21, 2010, Monica also received an extra effort award for completing damage survey reports resulting in 19 approved EWP projects for more than 5 million project dollars. Monica was also awarded an extra effort team award for her work while employed in the Scott/Mississippi County FOSA for continued excellence in providing quality service for ongoing programs of the state cost share, CSP, EQIP, CCRP and EWP while completing the 2008 financial audit. Congratulations to all the award winners!



Organic Growers and High Tunnels

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Missouri has announced 2 new programs to provide financial assistance to producers. The Organic EQIP and a pilot high tunnel structures sign up. NRCS will take applications for both of these thru March 19, 2010.

The Organic EIP sign up is part of a nationwide initiative to provide financial assistance to National Organic Program (NOP) Certified Organic producers as well as those transitioning to organic production. EQIP may pay for up to 75 percent of the cost of installing eligible practices. Financial assistance is not available for the certification process.

The second new program is pilot High Tunnel structures, also known as hoop houses. High tunnel structures increase the availability of locally grown produce by extending the growing season.

High tunnels are made of ribs of plastic or metal pipe covered with a layer of plastic sheeting. Producers must use commercially manufactured high tunnel kits, and no electrical heating or mechanical ventilation system can be added. Crops in high tunnels must be grown in the soil profile not in pots or benches. NRCS will provide financial assistance to fund up to a 2178 square foot structure on existing cropland.

To be eligible for these programs landowners must have Farm and Tract information on file at the Farm Services Agency (FSA), must be in compliance with all Farm Bill provisions (Sodbusting and Swampbusting) and must meet certain Adjusted Gross Income requirements.

For more information contact James Hunt or Monica Siler at the NRCS Service Center or by phone at 573-243-1467 ext 3 or on the web at <http://www.mo.nrcs.usda.gov/programs>.

Prescribed Fire Workshop

March 18, 2010

MDC Cape Girardeau Nature Center 2289

County Park Drive

Cape Girardeau, MO

6:30 to 9:00 pm

Presented by: Missouri Department of
Conservation, NRCS, and Cape County SWCD



Prescribed fire is a low cost way for landowners to manage grasslands, CRP and old fields for forage production and/or improve wildlife habitat.

The workshop will include classroom discussions on methods, equipment, safety, and why and when you would use fire as a management tool. Emphasis will include how to conduct a safe and effective burn to control sprouts, encourage beneficial plants and create better quality quail habitat. Participation will qualify landowners to have a prescribed burn plan prepared for their fields and use available loan equipment.

Attendees will also be able invited to an optional demonstration burn which will be conducted later in the spring to demonstrate the use of tools and techniques.

Instructor: Larry Heggemann MDC Private Land Conservationist

*****To register please contact the SWCD office at 573/243-1467 ext 117

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Spring Covey Headquarters Calendar

March – Finish your winter edge feathering projects.

Do not burn native warm-season grass past March 15th unless you are trying to stimulate it.

Burn or use a herbicide to set back CRP cool season grasses March 15th through April 30th.

Over seed clover and lespedeza into recently burned or disked fields.

April – Listen for male Bobwhite whistle calls on calm clear mornings.

Spray brome and fescue underneath shrubby areas with Fusilade, Select, or Poast (check label before buying)

Burn fescue and brome to severely stunt grass, then light disk or interseed legumes.

Do not burn native warm season grass no unless utilizing for forge or trying to eliminate brome or fescue.

Order your covey headquarter shrubs from the MDC nursery before the end of the month.

Till and fertilize food plots.

May – Quail and other grassland birds are on the nest, stay off of your mower.

Conduct breeding bird surveys the last week of May thru June.

Seed food plots now for best results.

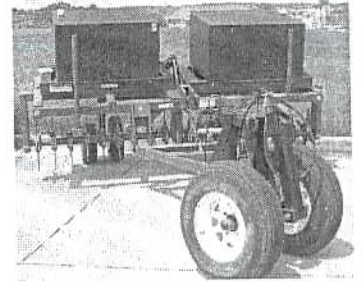
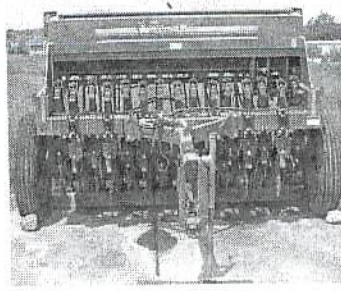
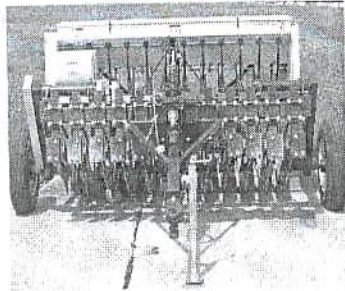
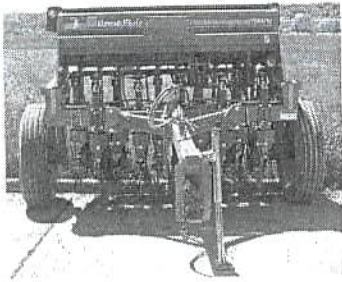
Clip weeds in newly planted warm season grasses to a height of 4 – 6 inches.

Seed shrub lespedeza at 8lbs/acre.

Last recommended date to plant seedling shrubs is June 1st.

FOR RENT NO TILL DRILLS & PASTURE RENOVATOR

The SWCD would like to remind everyone the District has a 10' Great Plains Drill and a 7' Great Plains Drill for rent along with a 8' Truax Drill (warm season grasses). The District also has a Rhino Pasture Renovator also available for rent. The 10' drill rents for \$8/AC, the 7' drill rents for \$7/AC, the 8' drill rents for \$10/AC, and the renovator rents for \$6/AC. If you would like to schedule either the drills or the renovator, please call 573-243-1467 ext 3.



WILDLIFE WAYS DID YOU KNOW.....

American Indians set fire to native prairies, knowing that new lush growth would concentrate buffalo. Today, prescribed burning continues to be used to manage vegetation for improved wildlife habitat.

Saying Goodbye

Derek Miesner, Byrd Creek SALT Technician, would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members and the landowners of Cape County for giving him the chance to work with them and especially the Byrd Creek area. He has recently taken a job with the NRCS area office assisting the landowners of Cape County, along with the rest of Southeast Missouri area. He thinks that the SALT project is off to a great start and feels it will continue that way with the help of its landowners. Again he thanks everyone for the opportunity and the experience he has gained.

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