



Franklin County Conservation District Newsletter



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DISTRICT HOLDS 72nd ANNUAL MEETING



The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated its 72nd anniversary with a meeting at the Union Knights of Columbus Hall on March 17, 2016.

Approximately 120 cooperators and poster contest winners attended the event.

Supervisor Bernard Laune led the pledge and gave the invocation.

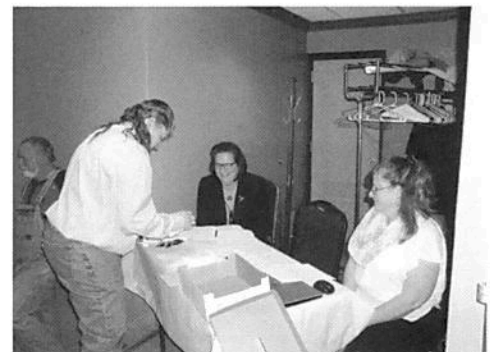
The master of ceremony for the evening was Supervisor Dan Brunjes. A catered dinner was served.

Colleen Meredith, DNR Soil & Water Program Director gave a presentation on Franklin County's accomplishments and use of the Parks, Soil & Water Sales Tax. Supervisors Matt Herring, Carl Danz and John Helling presented the 15 county poster contest winners with certificates and cash prizes. The poster winners were selected from a total of 280 posters from 7 participating schools. Students from grades four through eight were eligible.

Outstanding Farmer awards were presented to the four area award winners of the district by Supervisors Dan Brunjes and Bernard Laune.

Supervisor Matt Herring read the results of the Supervisor Election – Dan Brunjes re-elected for Area I and Mike Stumpe elected for Area III.

Attendance prizes were donated by local businesses.





POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

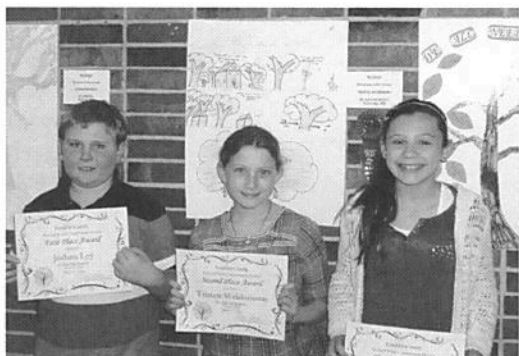
Fourth Grade Winners

From left, are Lauren Kleekamp, Clearview Elementary, first in county; Kiera Pelster, Campbellton Elementary, third in county; and not pictured Sofia Berariu, Clearview Elementary, second in county.



Fifth Grade Winners

From left, are Joshua Ley, St. John the Baptist, first in county; Tristen Weidemann, St. John the Baptist, second in county; and Zoey Arnold, St. Bridget of Kildare, third in county.



Sixth Grade Winners

From left, are Sophie Weirich, St. Anthony, first in county; Dawn Birdsall, St. Clare Catholic, second in county; and Lindsay Sprung, Immanuel Lutheran, third in county.



Seventh Grade Winners

From left, are Mackenzie Huck, St. John the Baptist, first in county; Caleb Kleekamp, St. John the Baptist, second in county; and not pictured Anna Pan, St. Anthony, third in county.



Eighth Grade Winners

From left, are Anna McNamara, St. Bridget of Kildare, first in county; Carter Hanse, St. Anthony, second in county; and not pictured Caroline Clarkson, St. John the Baptist, third in county.

2015 OUTSTANDING FARMERS AWARDED PLAQUES AT ANNUAL MEETING

Area I – Roger & Wendy Bardot, Lonedell
Supervisor Bernard Laune, center



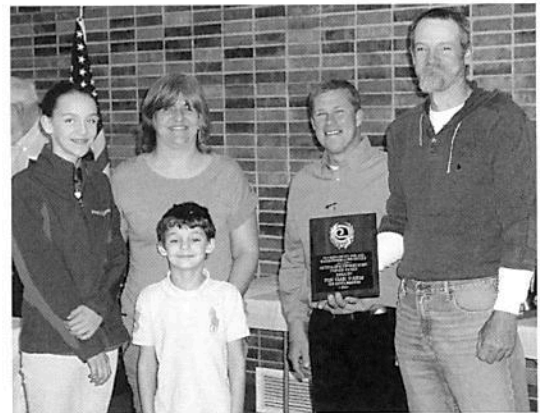
Area II – Marvin & Carolyn Ley, Washington
Supervisor Bernard Laune, center



Area III – Wilson Farm
Kenneth & Dianna Wilson, Sullivan
Supervisor Dan Brunjes, center



Area IV – Pin Oak Farm, New Haven
Pictured from left: Mikala Brune, Michelle Brune,
Mark Brune, Supervisor Dan Brunjes, Duane Brune



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The Franklin County Conservation District was organized in 1944 with a primary objective to solve soil and water conservation problems. The District, upon request, aids in planning and applying appropriate land use and conservation treatment measures.

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Soil Health for Your Farm, Ranch ... for You!

The key to building soil health is to first understand that soil is a biological system. Soil health is improved by disturbing the soil less, growing the greatest diversity of crops (in rotation and as diverse mixtures of cover crops), maintaining living roots in the soil as much as possible (with crops and cover crops), and keeping the soil covered with residue at all times.

Drills, planters, seed, fertilizer, pesticides, livestock, fences, water, farm implements, etc. are all tools that can be used to manage the soil habitat for the benefit of living members of the soil food web.

Organisms in the soil food web cycle crop nutrients and release organic glues that increase soil aggregate stability. Soil aggregates provide these organisms with protected habitat. Stable soil aggregates are critical for water infiltration and gas exchange, both of which are essential to crop production.

Many soils have a water infiltration problem that causes a water runoff problem. If soil health is improved, the structure of the soil results in greater water infiltration, less runoff, less or no erosion and reduced incidence of flooding and sedimentation.

Managing for Soil Health must begin by changing the way you think about Soil.



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THE JOURNEY OF
FOOD**



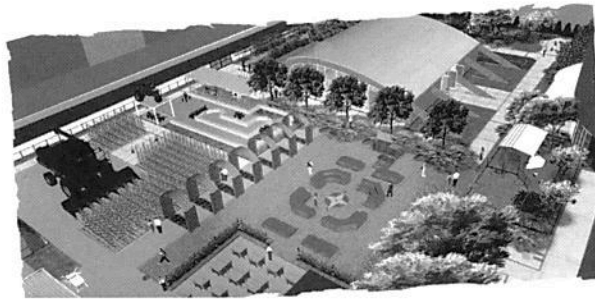
**OPENS
SUMMER
2016**



THERE'S SOMETHING **GROWING** AT THE SAINT LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER

This summer, Dig Deeper as we take a look at the science behind the most important element of our daily lives: our food. Where does it come from? How does it grow? How far does it travel? And how can each of us make a difference so we can all eat? You'll find the answers to all these questions and so much more at this one-of-a-kind exhibit focusing on the journey of food.

This new exhibit showcases the latest advancements in agricultural sciences technology in an engaging, interactive GROW will allow visitors to get a feel for this field in a way no other exhibit or classroom experience can. We all have a role to play in the stewardship of our food supply, and right here at the Saint Louis Science Center, we have the opportunity to show you exactly how you can make a difference. Welcome to GROW!



The St. Louis Science Center needs volunteers to help educate the public. Where Our Food Comes From. GROW will be open to the public in Summer 2016.

www.slsc.org/grow

If you are interested in helping out, please contact:

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**FRANKLIN COUNTY GRAZING SCHOOL WILL BE HELD
OCTOBER 5 & OCTOBER 6, 2016 IN UNION, MO.
WATCH FOR DETAILS IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER.**

**SECTION
OMITTED**

Area I – Roger and Wendy Bardot



Our Area I Outstanding Farmer Award goes to Roger and Wendy Bardot. Roger and Wendy rent approximately 320 acres in the Lonedell area from Roger's father. About 65% of the acres are pasture and the remaining is woodland. Roger rents an additional 260 acres from neighboring farms.

Roger's father inherited the farm and Roger has been renting it from his father for the last five years. Roger has been farming since he was a kid and had a partnership with other ground since 1989.

Roger and Wendy raise black angus/cross and red Angus along with chickens. As side a job Roger makes and sells broiler cages for chickens.

Roger and Wendy applied for Cost-Share Assistance through NRCS EQIP to help install fence, watering systems and pipeline for a grazing system and to exclude livestock from the woods and streams. They have also installed a pond to help control the erosion.

Roger and Wendy have three daughters; Emily, Rachel, and Laura, who help out on the farm. They all went to college to receive degrees in the line of Agriculture and Animal Science.

Keep up the good conservation work and Congratulations to Roger and Wendy!



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COMING EVENTS

Monday, May 30, 2016
USDA Service Center closed
Memorial Day Holiday

Tuesday, June 14, 2016
SWCD Regular Board Meeting
8:00 am., USDA Service Center

Monday, July 4, 2016
USDA Service Center closed
Independence Day Holiday

Tuesday, July 12, 2016
SWCD Regular Board Meeting
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center

Tuesday, August 9, 2016
SWCD Regular Board Meeting
8:00 am., USDA Service Center

Monday, September 5, 2016
USDA Service Center closed
Labor Day Holiday

Call to confirm meeting date and times. All regular meetings are open to the public.



Quarterly Quote

"It is the obligation of the current generation to prepare the next so well that it will discharge its conservation responsibilities more wisely and effectively than any of its predecessors."

— D.A. Williams

THANK YOU

The District Board appreciates the cooperation of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter and hope that our readers patronize these advertisers. The Board especially appreciates the financial assistance of the Franklin County Commission. Thanks also to our partners in conservation: NRCS, FSA, DNR, University Extension, MDC, Quail Forever. Assistance from the Soil and Water Conservation District is available to all county residents regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, gender identity, reprisal, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation or individual's income. State Cost-Share funds are available for agriculture landowners that have active erosion and are approved to complete practices that solve the erosion problem and for practices that protect our water quality.