

Pembroke Hill's Envirothon Team — International Winner's!



Pictured left to right: Jeffrey Rubel, Austin Caldwell, Foster Honeck, Riley Sloan, Richard Wright and Coach, SueAnn Wright

Kudos go to the Pembroke Hill High School's Envirothon Team! The first week in August the team and their coach, SueAnn Wright, traveled to Fresno, California to compete in the Canon Envirothon, an international environmental education competition. The team placed 11th out of 54 international teams. Earlier this year, the Pembroke team placed first in both the Kansas City Region Envirothon and the Missouri Envirothon, earning the privilege to participate in the international event.

Thanks, to SueAnn and the hardworking team for making Jackson County and Missouri **SHINE**.

The competition is designed for high-school-aged students. For more information on how to get your school involved, e-mail: chuck.shroyer@mdc.mo.gov

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 11 — Office Closed to Observe Veteran's Day

November 18 — District Board Meeting

November 25 — Office Closed to Observe Thanksgiving

December 24 — Office Closed to Observe Christmas

December 30 — Deadline for Local Photo Contest

December 31 — Office Closed to Observe New Year's Day

January 17 — Office Closed to Observe Martin Luther King Jr.



Jackson County SWCD Conservation Photo Contest

Come join other Jackson County residents and participate in the Jackson County SWCD Conservation Photo Contest.

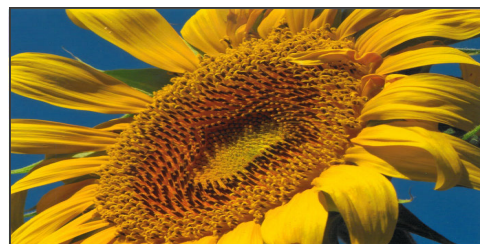
This year there are two ways to enter the Conservation Photo Contest: (1) submit printed photos for the local contest and/or (2) send electronic photos for the national contest.

For the **local contest**, entries can be in any of five subject categories: *conservation, education, trees and plants, wildlife, and landscapes*. Youth and adult entries will be judged separately. Digital or film photography may be entered. **Deadline for the local contest is December 31, 2010.**

Directions, rules, and categories for the **national contest** can be found at the Website <http://nacdnet.org/education/contests/photo>. **Deadline for the national contest is December 1, 2010.**

Gift awards and certificates will be presented and winning entries displayed at the District's **Ag Appreciation Night** in February 2011. Cash awards are also presented to first place winners on the national level.

For questions or Entry Form, e-mail linda.struwe@swcd.mo.gov or call the District Office at 816-228-1836 x 3.



Feel Like You're Losing Ground?

If your soil is getting away from you, now is the time to contact your Soil & Water Conservation District office. The Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District has the ability through cost-share dollars to help put conservation on your land. The cost-share program is an Ag based incentive program enabled through your tax dollars. The incentive program is funded through the Department of Natural Resources from the 1/10% sales tax shared between Parks/Rec and Soils.

Because all the cost share dollars for FY10 were not spent, the Soil and Water Districts Commission authorized the implementation of a mid-year supplemental allocation of cost-share funds based on performance to put those FY10 funds into use. This allowed Jackson County SWCD \$35,000.00 more cost-share dollars to stop erosion in Jackson County.



While trying to get conservation on the land, the District Supervisors have made a new policy. The policy states the landowner that has a contractor ready to do the earthwork will be approved to receive funds. Many factors including time and weather doesn't always allow the conservation work to be applied.

Because the total allocated cost-share dollars exceeds their appropriation authority, the program office will monitor the obligations and once a threshold of \$20 million state-wide is obligated, the system will shut down and no new contracts will be approved.

Contact the district office to see if your mechanical practice is eligible, get your contractor, and keep *your* soil on *your* farm. For more information contact Linda Struwe at the District Office 816-228-1836 x 3 or e-mail: linda.struwe@swcd.mo.gov

Season's Greeting

*May the Beauty
of Nature
Bring you Peace
and Hope
this Holiday Season,
and May the Importance
of its Conservation
Help Guide your plans
in the New Year*

**The Board of Supervisors
and Staff of the Jackson County
Soil and Water Conservation District**



Protecting Urban Soil and Water Workshop

Jackson County Soil and Water Conservation District in conjunction with Jackson County Public Works is planning a Protecting Urban Soil and Water Workshop. The workshop will be Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Ararat Temple, 5100 Ararat Dr., Kansas City, MO 64129-1998. The day begins with sign-in at 8:00 am with the workshop starting at 8:30 am. Participants have the opportunity to earn seven Personal Development Hours by attending the training. The cost of the workshop is \$50.00 which includes a buffet lunch.

Urban soil erosion and the accompanying problems of sedimentation and degradation of water quality are serious natural resource challenges in areas undergoing development. The dual detriment of losing valuable topsoil, then polluting streams, rivers, lakes, and infrastructure with it can be greatly reduced by using *best management practices*, low-impact development, and other strategies. Regulations under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination system Phase II place special emphasis and enforcement on maintaining water quality by reducing urban erosion.

For a registration form, brochure or questions, call the District Office at 816-228-1836 x 3 or e-mail: linda.struwe@swcd.mo.gov.



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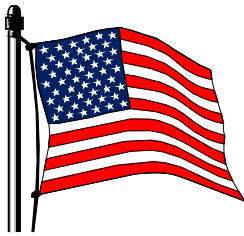
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