



MARIES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Join Us February 14th for the 2011 Forage & Beef Conference @ Cuba

Have you ever taken the opportunity to attend the Forage & Beef Conference? Since 1994, landowners from mid-Missouri have come together to listen and ask questions from an excellent panel of speakers. This year's event will be held on Monday, February 14th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cuba. It begins with registration at 1:00 p.m. with the first speaker to

start at 1:30.

The entire list of speakers and topics is listed on page 3. Local vendors and agencies will have displays highlighting their agricultural products and door prizes will be given away. The registration fee for the conference is \$10.00 per person which includes an evening meal. If you are

unable to attend at the start of the program you should feel free to join at any time during the conference.

Reservations should be made before January 31st by calling the Crawford County SWCD office at 1-800-364-8732 Ext. 3 or 573-364-6202 Ext. 3.



Please Help Us Welcome...

Robin Kliethermes

The district's newest board member is secretary, Robin Kliethermes. She replaces Gary Applegate who is now working for NRCS in Wyoming.

Robin is the 4-H Youth Development Specialist for Maries and Gasconade Counties. She has a Bachelor's

degree in Masters of Science in Parks, Recreation and Tourism and a Masters of Science in Agricultural Economics both from the University of Missouri—Columbia.

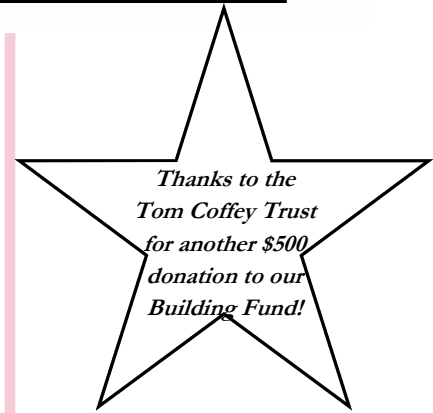
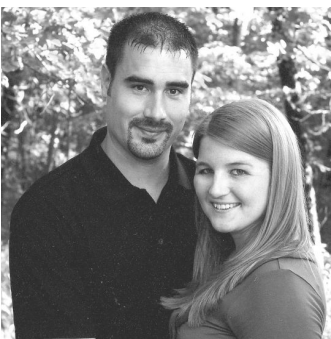
She grew up near Koeltztown and is the daughter of Tom and Becky Loehner. Robin and her husband Ryan were married on October 2, 2010.

Megan Ordway

Megan Ordway joined the Natural Resources Conservation Service and will be assisting landowners in Osage and Maries Counties. She is a Cole County native and a recent graduate of Lincoln

University where she obtained her bachelor of science degree in Agriculture, with an emphasis in Natural Resource Management.

During the past two summers, Megan completed internships with the MO Department of Conservation. She also worked with the Cole County NRCS office for a semester.



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UPCOMING DATES:

February 14—Forage & Beef Conference @ KC Hall, Cuba

February 25—Deadline for Photo, Essay & Poster Contests

February 26—Day With Wildlife @ KC Hall, Vienna

March 1—Pesticide Certification Class @ Maries County Extension Office

March 29—Pond Workshop @ Fatima FFA Classroom, Westphalia

This Just In—Organic EQIP signup for High Tunnels ends March 4. Watch for news about an EQIP sign up for Energy Audits. Contact the NRCS office in Linn at 1-800-811-4649.



District Poster & Essay Contests Ends Feb. 25th

When January rolls around it's time for students to begin working on their annual poster and essay entries. The contests are sponsored by the Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's theme is **"Forests For People—More Than You Can Imagine"**. Posters and essays should highlight how important forests and their products are in our everyday lives.

Posters can be entered by any student enrolled in the 3rd through 8th grades of any Maries County school or home-schooled in Maries County. Posters should be on poster board measuring 14" x 22". Only one individual may work on a poster. The name of the student, address, school, grade and age must be listed on the back of the poster. Students are not required to be in an art class to enter a poster.

From each grade, three posters will be chosen to win cash awards. Grade level prizes will be: 1st place - \$15, 2nd place - \$10 and 3rd place - \$5.00. From these winners one entry will be declared the grade prize county winner and receive an additional cash award of \$50.00. The first place poster from each grade will be sent to state competition. All grade winners will be notified and invited to the District's Annual Meeting in March to receive their award.

The district's essay contest is open to any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 9th through 12th grades of any Maries County High School. Essays should be 400 to 500 words in length. It should be double spaced typed or legibly handwritten. Sources of information must be listed. A 3" x 5" card with the student's name, address, grade, name of school and



teacher's name should be stapled to the back of the essay. A student may also enter their essay directly to the district office. Only one essay per student.

The entries will be judged in two groups: Freshmen and Sophomores; or Juniors and Seniors. Awards will be given to the top three essays in each group. 1st prize will be a \$100.00 Savings Bond. 2nd prize will be \$50.00 Savings Bond. 3rd prize will be \$25.00 cash.

The posters and essays are due in the Soil & Water office by the close of business on February 25th. The office is located at 105 Parkway in Vienna.

It's Photo Contest Time

Now is the time to select five of your favorite photos you've taken in Maries County and enter them in this year's contest. They should be entered in the appropriate category according to age division.

The contest is divided into two Divisions: Youth (up to and including high school seniors) and Adult (residing or owning land in Maries County). They will be judged in only one Category: Wildlife; Trees or Plants; or Landscapes.

Entries should follow these guidelines when entering:

- Each participant may enter up to, but no more than, five photographs. Photos will not be returned.
- Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable. Photos must be no larger than 8x10 and they are not to be framed and/or matted.
- The following information must be attached to the back of each photo. Include: **A. Photographer's name, address and phone number; B. Division and Category entered; C. Title of photograph; D. Subject Names** (if people are in photo); **E. Location; F. Year photo was taken.**

All entries become the property of the Maries County SWCD, Entrants should keep extra prints of their photographs. Previous entries will not be judged for the 2011 contest.

Judges will select one winner in each of the three categories in each division. County winners will receive a \$50 Savings Bond and a framed print of their winning photo from the district. Honorable mentions will receive certificates.

All entries must be postmarked or to the office by Feb. 25th.

Missouri Department of Conservation's

Day with Wildlife

Saturday, February 26, 2011

Visitation Knights of Columbus Hall
Hwy. 63 and 6th Street, Vienna, MO

10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Free Admission

Antler Scoring

Laser Shot

Nuisance Wildlife Control Professionals

Smokey Bear

Fly Tying Demonstration

Much more...

Concessions available



Forage & Beef Conference

Monday, February 14, 2011

Knights of Columbus Hall, Cuba, Missouri

I-44 East, Take Highway UU Exit

- 1:00 Registration
- 1:30 Dr. Bob Weaber—MU Extension, Beef Cattle Genetics Specialist
“Genetic Decisions For Improved Beef Profits”
- 2:15 BREAK
- 2:45 Kevin Bradley—MU Extension, State Weed Science Specialist
“Weed And Brush Control”
- 3:45 Producer Panel - What Works For You?
Jeremia Markway
Bill Boever
- 4:45 BREAK
- 5:15 Sarah Kenyon—MU Extension, Agronomy Specialist
“Southern Missouri Forages”
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Dr. Craig Payne—MU Extension Veterinarian
“Factors That Affect The Profitability Of Cow-calf Operations”
- 8:00 Adjourn

Only \$10 per person - payable at the door (includes dinner)

RSVP by January 31, 2011 to the Crawford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732 Extension 3 or 573-364-6202 Extension 3

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2011 Grazing Schools

If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of our grazing schools, one of these dates may work for you. Attendance is a requirement to receive cost-share assistance to install or improve a rotational grazing system. Contact the Maries County Soil & Water office at 573-422-3342 if you are interested in receiving more information and getting on the list to attend.

April 14 & 15—Rolla
September 8 & 9—Osage County

May 12 & 13—Maries County
September 29 & 30—Wurdack

Pesticide Certification To Be Held March 1st

An opportunity to get or update your Pesticide Certification will be on Tuesday, March 1st. It will be held at the Maries County Extension Office in the basement of the courthouse starting at 6:30 PM.

Missouri law requires all purchasers and users of "Restricted-Use" pesticides to attend a training session to be certified

for a private applicators license.

Reservations are required as space is limited. Call the Maries County Extension office at 422-3359. If you signed up for the program that got cancelled last fall, you must reserve your seat again. There is a \$10 charge which covers the cost of the workbook.

Pond Management Workshop Will Be On March 29th

Do you have questions about building a new pond or managing an existing pond on your property? If so, this workshop is for you. The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), Osage and Maries County Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) will be hosting a Pond Management Workshop on Tuesday, March 29, 2009 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Fatima Public School in Westphalia.

The workshop will cover a wide variety of topics including, site selection, con-

struction, stocking, fisheries management, aquatic vegetation management, pond watershed management and wildlife. Professionals from MDC, NRCS and SWCD will give presentations and will be available to answer questions. There will also be some very useful literature on pond management available as well as snacks and refreshments.

If you are interested in attending this free workshop, please call Scott Williams with the MDC and register at (573)796-0286 ext 24 or the Maries County SWCD office at 422-3342.

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