



#### Upcoming dates:

October 11 ~ Office Closed for Columbus Day Holiday

October 14 ~ Pesticide Certification at 6:30 PM

October 18 ~ Office Closed for Employee Meeting

November 2 ~ Election Day Don't Forget to Vote!

November 11 ~ Veteran's Day—Love Your Freedom, Thank A Vet!

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## Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter

### FISCAL YEAR 2010 COST-SHARE FUNDING TO LANDOWNERS AT ALL TIME HIGH FOR MARIES COUNTY

At the end of June 2010, the Maries County cost-share program paid out a total of **\$361,282.44** for practices implemented by landowners in the county for the fiscal period that began July 1, 2009. Funding for this program is from the soils and water portion of the 1/10 of 1% Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax. June 30th also marked the end of the Upper Big Maries River AgNPS SALT grant. Extra funding for practices in this targeted area were first made available July of 2003. There are two years remaining in the Little Maries River watershed grant that began in July 2005.

Due to the reduction in revenue from the sales tax, the district only received \$157,292.74 in cost-share funds so far this year. But an additional \$55,000 is in the grant budget for the Little Maries River watershed for a total available of \$212,292.74.

The practices completed this past fiscal year included:

DSP-3 Planned Grazing System	2—\$17,295.07
DSP 3.1 Grazing System Water Development	4—\$13,770.50
DSP 3.2 Grazing System Water Distribution	12—\$39,915.95
DSP 3.3 Grazing System Fence	10—\$31,521.32
DSP 3.4 Grazing System Lime	56—\$49,915.86
DSP 3.5 Grazing System Seed	6—\$10,662.53
N574 Spring Development	3—\$ 6,790.08
DFR-5 Woodland Protection Exclusion Fence	4—\$15,259.30
DSL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establish	23—\$84,720.77
DSL-2 Permanent Vegetative Cover Improve	35—\$62,794.27
N472 Use Exclusion Fence	3—\$ 2,811.48
WQ10 Stream Protection	2—\$25,825.31

Contact the district office to learn about these programs.

### RATES INCREASE FOR NO-TILL DRILL RENTALS

The Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors made a decision in January of 2010 to increase the rental rates of the no-till drills. The district is no longer able to apply for matching funds to purchase new field equipment so the older drills are starting to require a few repairs, new coulters and new tires. We have also had to start keeping locks on the drills as a couple times they have disappeared during a time when the office was closed. Thankfully they were returned and with no damage but no rental fees could be collected.

The new rental rates and additional fees that were established are as follows:

1 to 50 acres is \$9.00 per acre

Over 50 acres is \$8.00 per acre

There is a 10 acre minimum charge.

Extra \$25 if drill is not returned completely empty of seed.

Extra \$25 late fee per day if not returned on scheduled date.

Extra \$10 if hitch pin is not returned.

## PESTICIDE CERTIFICATION TO BE HELD OCTOBER 14TH

Do you need certified to apply pesticides? You can attend a 2-hour video presentation on Thursday, October 14th at the soil and water office at 105 Parkway. It will start at 6:30 p.m. This is also for those that whose certification has or will expire. Reservations are required as space is limited. Call the office at 573-422-3342,

## GOVERNOR RECOGNIZES MDC PRIVATE LAND CONSERVATIONIST KYLE LAIRMORE FOR OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon recognized Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) Private Land Conservationist Kyle Lairmore with the 2010 Missouri State Employee Award of Distinction for Public Service at an August 18 ceremony at the Capitol. The award recognized Lairmore for his "outstanding dedication to the advancement of state service, which enhances the quality of life to citizens and is above and beyond the employee's normal job requirements."

A five-year employee with the MDC, Lairmore works with private landowners and others in Maries and Gasconade counties to help them achieve their land-use objectives in ways that enhance the conservation of Missouri's fish, forest, wildlife and natural communities. He is also active in numerous MDC committees and working groups from feral-hog eradication efforts to driver's training to customer service.

"Kyle exemplifies what it means to be conservation professional, and we value him, his talents and his energy," said MDC Private Lands Division Chief Mike Hubbard. "He conducts hundreds of

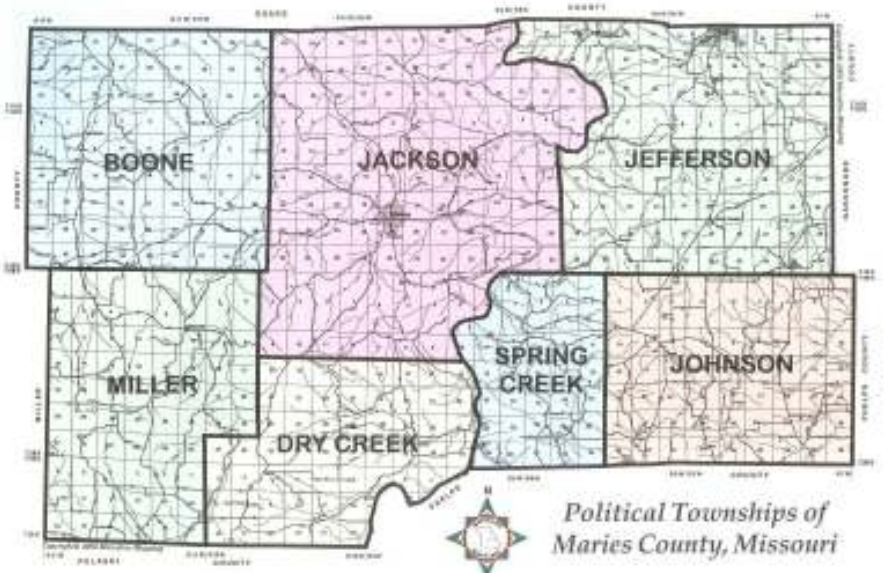


on-site visits with landowners and provides dozens of workshops and presentations that teach thousands of people about conservation. Kyle's passion and enthusiasm for Missouri's natural resources also carry over into his personal life." *Congratulations Kyle!*

## SUPERVISOR ELECTION TO BE HELD IN 2011

The Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District will be holding an election in 2011 for two board members positions. One landowner will be selected from Area II (Jackson and Dry Creek Townships) and one from Area IV (Spring Creek and Johnson Townships). Landowners will cast their vote at the district's annual meeting. Currently Darryl Schwartze represents Area II and Greg Dillon serves as the board member in Area IV.

A supervisor is elected to serve a four year term and should be available to attend the monthly board meetings that are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month. The district administers funds and programs in the county from their portion of the 1/10 of 1% Parks, Soils and Water Tax. If you own land in one of these areas of the county and want to contribute to helping conserve our natural resources, please contact the Maries County SWCD office at 573-422-3342.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010 POSTER AND ESSAY CONTESTS WINNERS!



Visitation Inter-Parish Poster Contest Winners (l to r): Nate Squires, Adam Wieberg, Nathan Wieberg and Maggie Wieberg



Belle Poster Contest Winners (l to r): Jacob Abel and Savannah Matthes (Not pictured is Brooke Fulliam)



Belle Essay Contest Winners (l to r): Eric Baumgartner, Luke Harwin and Miranda Sadler.



Vienna Poster Contest Winners (l to r): Row 1 Austin Linquist, Bethany Helton, Kara Harker. Row 2 Abbi Kern, Taylor Nieboer, Brittany Long and Jordyn Steffen (Not pictured is Ethan Bull)

## DISTRICT'S ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS POSTER, ESSAY AND PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

The highlight of the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District that was held earlier this year, was the presentation of awards for the district's annual photo, poster and essay contests.

The top winners in the photo contest were recognized. In the Youth Division, winners were Justin Duggan, Kelly Hale and Paul Brune. Winners in the Adult Division were Crystal Wagner, Sara Haller and Mary Jane Wieberg. Glenna Bilyeau won the People's Choice Award from 71 photos that were entered this year.

Awards were then presented to participants in the Essay Contest. 19 essays were entered in this year's contest. Luke Harwin, Eric

Baumgartner and Miranda Sadler took home top honors.

A total of 273 students submitted posters for this year's contest. Certificates and prize money were presented to: Maggie Wieberg, Nate Squires, Adam Wieberg and Nathan Wieberg all from Visitation Inter-Parish; from Belle Elementary: Savannah Matthes, Brooke Fulliam and Jacob Abel; and Jordyn Steffen, Austin Linquist, Bethany Helton, Brittany Long, Kara Harker, Ethan Bull, Abbi Kern and Taylor Nieboer from Maries R-I. Grand Prize County Winner was awarded to Nate Squires.

The event ended with everyone getting a tree seedling ready for planting and the kids also receiving a kite.



## REQUESTS FOR AERIAL PHOTOS

In year's past, the district office was able to furnish copies of aerial photography to anyone coming into the office.

With new privacy laws in place, employees can no longer give these out to anyone but the owner of the property.

The only exception is to have signed permission from the owner or power of attorney.

Anyone with access to the internet can find maps at several different websites. Some sites to try out include:

[www.cares.missouri.edu](http://www.cares.missouri.edu)

[www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com)

[www.maps.google.com/maps](http://www.maps.google.com/maps)

[www.maps.yahoo.com](http://www.maps.yahoo.com)



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