

April 2026

Dent County Soil and Water Conservation District

Important Dates

Office closed

Friday, May 8th - Truman Birthday

Monday, May 25th - Memorial Day

Friday, June 19th - Juneteenth

Board of Supervisors

Drew Johnson, Chairman

James Crocker, Vice Chairman

Katie Steelman, Treasurer

Paul Heithold, Member

Eric Meusch, Secretary

District Personnel

Chris Jones

Myra Swyers

Debbie Plank

WELCOME

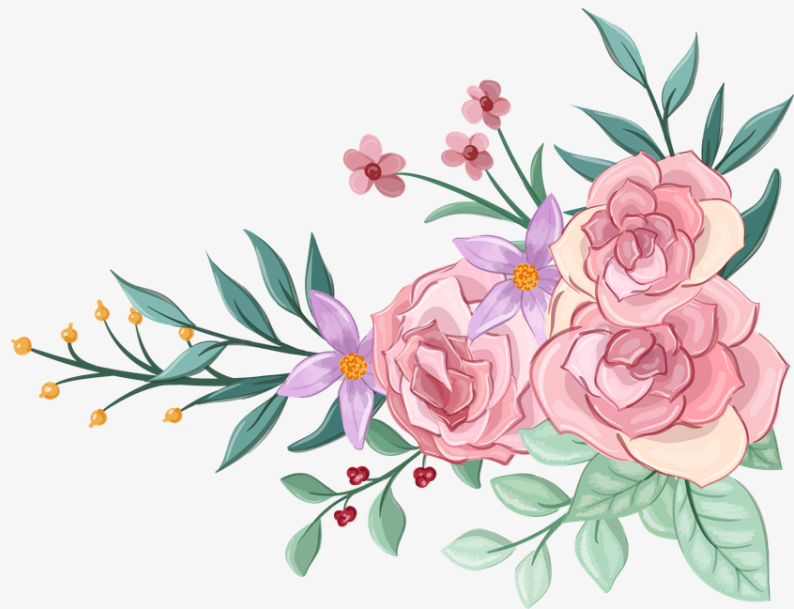
Katie Steelman

Katie was recently elected as a board supervisor.

Katie and her husband Jason have three children.

*Katie and Jason have been farming Dent County
land for many years.*

Katie is a welcomed asset to our board.



Footprints in the Grass

April

- Prepare to burn warm season pastures and hay fields if needed.
- Finish cool season grass and legume plantings for complete re-establishment
- Implement grazing system.
- Check warm season grass fields for weed competition and spray appropriate chemicals if needed.
- Install above ground watering system. Check existing ones.
- Check over-seeded legumes for grass competition. When livestock have grazed the grass canopy down to where they are biting off the legumes, give the pasture a rest.
- Remember: legume plants need sunlight to survive.

May

- Cut high quality, cool season grass and legume hay.
 - Fertilize warm season grasses, hay, and pastures.
 - Apply brush and weed control to cool season grass pastures.
 - Rotate pastures frequently to take full advantage of fast growth and high quality forage.
- Plant warm season annuals.

June

- Cut warm season grasses for hay or graze as needed to fill the forage gap.
- Monitor rest periods on grazing systems as cool season grass growth is starting to slow down. Longer rest periods are needed to adequately feed the herd.
- Harvest fescue seed for a cash crop.



District Spotlight

THANK YOU

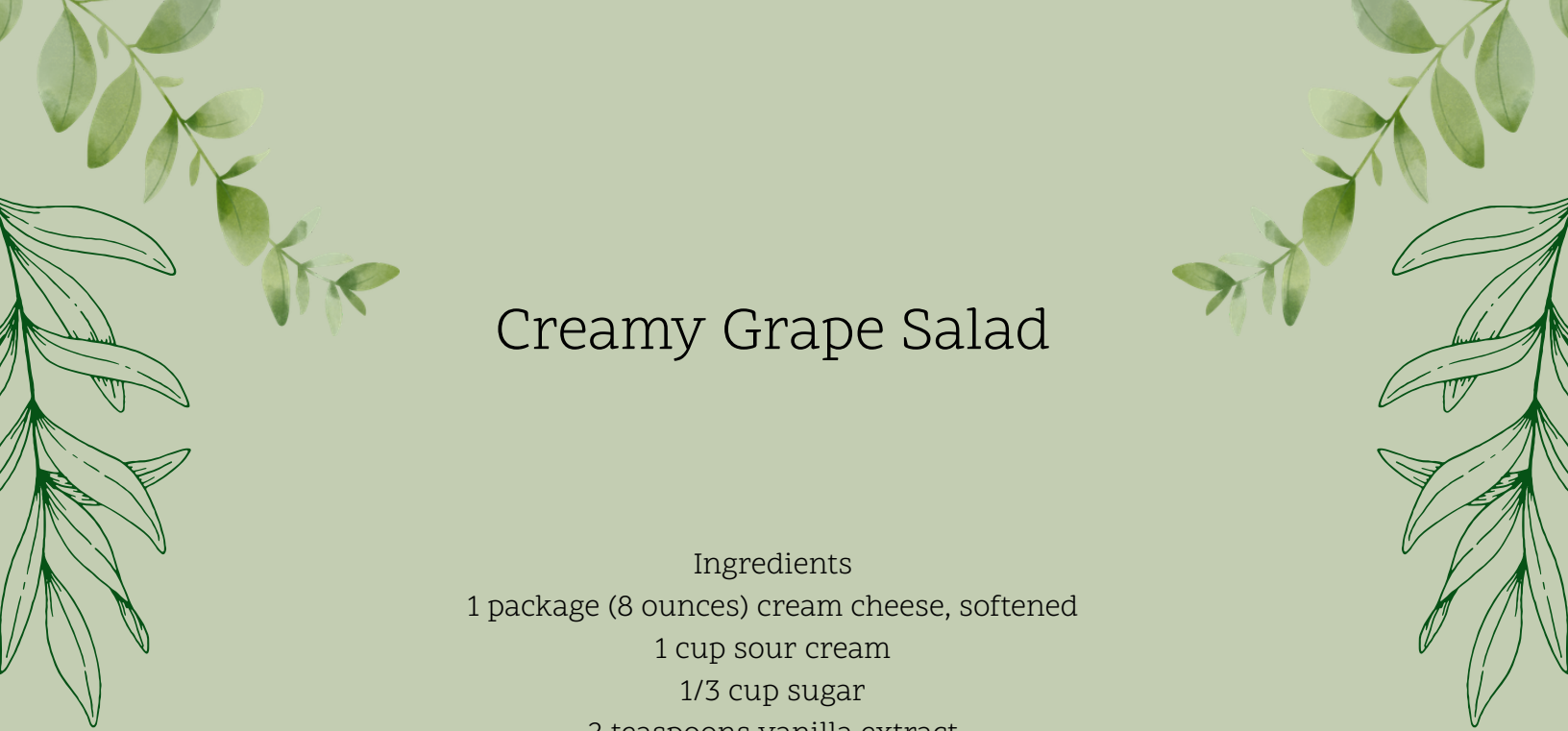
We would like to recognize and thank three of our past and present board members for their service.

Roberta Kaczmarek, 10 years

James Crocker, 10 years

Paul Heithold, 25 years

Thank you for all your service and everything you do!



Creamy Grape Salad

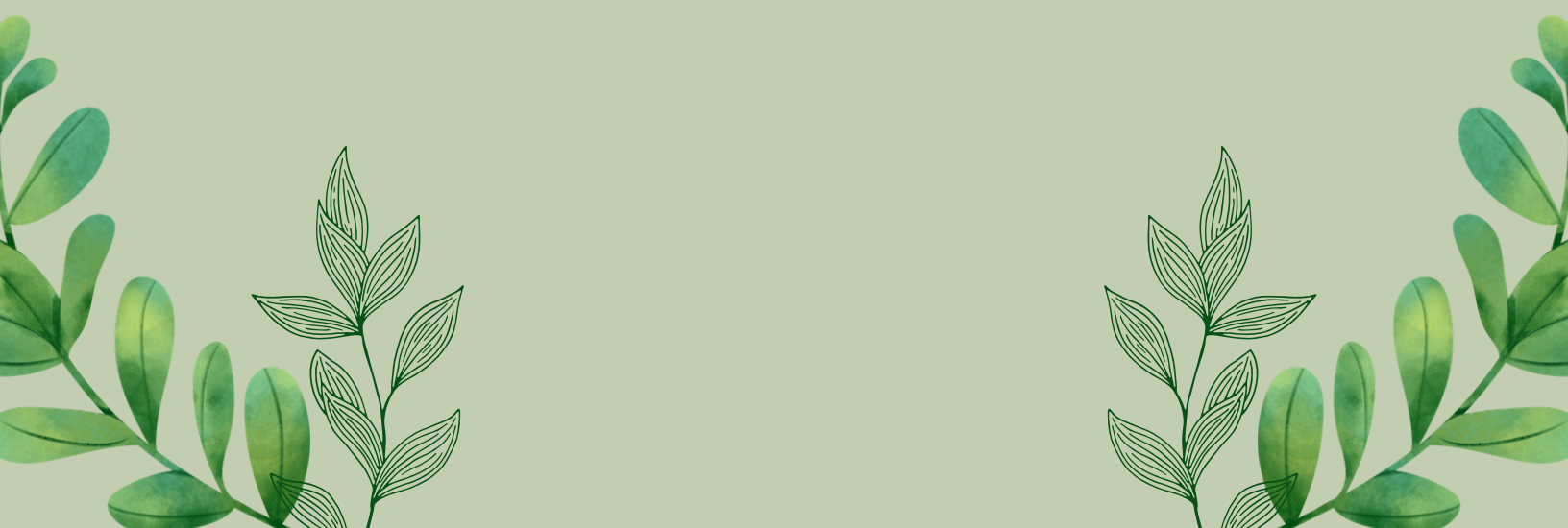
Ingredients

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 pounds seedless red grapes
- 2 pounds seedless green grapes
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons chopped pecans

Directions

In a large bowl, beat cream cheese, sour cream, sugar and vanilla until blended.
Add grapes and toss to coat.

Transfer to a serving bowl. Cover and refrigerate until serving.
Sprinkle with brown sugar and pecans just before serving.



Upcoming events

Spring Workshop

Saturday, April 11, Owensville
573-266-2701 or 573-437-3478 ext 3
hosted by Gasconade Co SWCD and MU extension.

Grazing School

April 15-17

St. James, Phelps County, 573-364-6202 ext. 3

April 29 - May 1

Mount Vernon (MU SW Research Center), Lawrence County, Amy Swadley: 417-466-3102

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West Plains, Howell County, Howell County Extension Center: 417-256-2391

May 4-6

Hartville, Wright County, Wright County Extension Center: 417-349-4134

May 20-22

Jackson, Cape Girardeau County, Anthony Ohmes: 573-243-3581

June 2-4

Neosho (Crowder College), Newton County, Tracy White: 417-451-1007 ext. 3

June 3-5

TBD, Ray County, Katie Neuner: 660-584-3658

June 23-25

MU Hundley-Whaley Extension and Education Center in Albany, Gentry County
Luke Skinner: 660-663-9381 or Jim Humphrey: 816-324-3147

June 24-26

Houston, Texas County, Texas County Extension Center: 417-967-4545



Cost Share program - Spotlight

DSP-2: Permanent Vegetative Cover Enhancement

- Purpose**
1. Reduce soil erosion and improve water quality.
 2. Improve the productive cover of existing pastureland with the demonstration of no-till, inter-seeding of legumes by the use of no-till drills; to protect the soil and prevent the pollution of air, land or water from agricultural uses.
- Policies**
1. Haying is permitted to manage and maintain the legume when grazing alone does not control grass and weed growth.
 2. Cost-share is authorized for:
 - a. Limestone and fertilizer. Assistance is limited to the minimum requirements based on legume establishment recommendations, as determined by a soil test. Cost-share for limestone may be approved for the amount needed up to a maximum of 1,500 pounds per acre of effective neutralizing material (ENM). Any amount over 1,500 pounds of ENM is the cooperators responsibility. For those tests which have an ENM requirement of less than 600 pounds per acre, the cooperator has the option of applying the requirement.
 - b. Interseed Legumes. Permanent vegetative cover based on the DSP-02 Interseed Legumes component.

Rental Equipment



300 Gallon Sprayers

Rental Item Price: \$125/day

2 Sprayers available. 1 with PTO and 1 with a Honda motor.

No-Till Drills

Rental Item Price: \$18/acre - 10 acre minimum

3 No-Till Drills available

Rhino Gas Powered Post Driver

Rental Item Price:\$75/Day



Soil Probes, Spinning Jenny, Burn Equipment - can be borrowed at no cost

Contact District office for more information 573-729-4442

Office hours: M-F 8:00 - 4:30

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