

# March 2019

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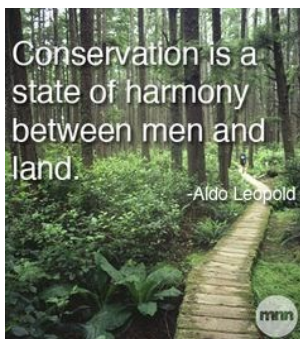
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## *Annual Meeting*

The SWCD will be having our SWCD Annual meeting March 22<sup>nd</sup> this year. As in the past, we will be serving the meal at 6:30 p.m. at the Osceola Assembly of God Church across Hwy 13 from our office. Our entertainment this year will be provided by Sergeant Darrin Lilleman and Sergeant Don Jones. Both work for the Missouri State Highway Patrol and are assigned to the Division of Drug and Crime Control’s Rural Crimes Investigative Unit. They will present a program about rural crime in our area and provide security tips as well as various suggestions and techniques on how to better secure a person’s livestock, machinery, property and home. We will be giving awards to the Conservation Farmer of the Year—Jayson Davis, Davis Ranch and also the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade conservation poster winners for the county. We will also be holding an election for Board of Supervisors for the district for areas I & III.

We invite all landowners to come and join us. Please call the office by March 18<sup>th</sup> to RSVP so we know how many to expect for the meal. Call 417-646-8108 ext. 3.

## *District Happenings*



The SWCD has undergone many changes the past several months. In late September Donna Hooper retired from the district. Margie had been out of the office on Sick Leave for several months and was able to return to work when Donna retired. Andy Lysinger has switched from FOSA technician to district technician upon Donna’s retirement. In January we hired Driston Self to fill the FOSA technician position. Driston grew up in the Osceola area and raises cattle and enjoys sports. He will also be working in Hickory, Cedar, and Dade counties. Driston will be spending quite a bit of his time training and getting acquainted with the federal and state programs and practices to begin with and is looking forward to getting out in the field to meet and work with landowners.

## *Management Intensive Grazing School*

We have scheduled our grazing school this year for May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. The school will be held at the Osceola Baptist Church 555 Walnut St. Osceola, Mo. Each day will start at 8:30 a.m. and will be over by 5:00 p.m.. You will be eligible to receive state cost-share funds to install a rotational grazing system after completion of this 2 day school. The cost for the school will be \$130.00. If couples or an additional person managing the grazing system want to attend, they will be charged an additional \$20.00 to cover food etc. The fee will cover the cost of instructors, all required manuals and materials etc. You must register with the SWCD by April 30, 2019 to attend. Call the office at 417-646-8108 ext. 3 for more information.



## *New Prescribed Burn Association In St. Clair County*

In 2018, a group of landowners in St. Clair County and from surrounding counties met and formed the Upper Osage Prescribed Burn Association (UOPBA). The purpose of the UOPBA is for landowner members to help each other conduct prescribed burns on their property. Another important part of the UOPBA is to have adequate burn training and burn equipment necessary to complete the prescribed burns. The UOPBA is registered as a non-profit corporation with the Missouri Sec. of State. Recently, the association received a tax-exempt status under the 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service. A cargo box trailer has been purchased to hold burn equipment and currently burn equipment is being acquired. This organization was formed by landowners and is operated by landowners to get more acres prescribed burned for better forage and habitat in this area. For more information about the UOPBA please contact Len Gilmore, Quail Forever Biologist, at the Osceola USDA office at 3835 NE Hwy 13, Osceola, MO 64776, phone 417 - 646 - 8108.



### Calendar of Events

|                                       |                                   |                                |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Annual Meeting                        | March 22 6:30 pm                  | Osceola Assembly of God Church |
| Management Intensive Grazing School   | May 9th & 10th<br>8:30 am–5:00 pm | Osceola Baptist Church         |
| Mid-Mo Soil Health                    | March 6th                         | Isle of Capri Boonville, Mo    |
| Private Pesticide Applicator Training | March 14th 6:00 pm                | Osceola Baptist Church         |



## Rental Equipment Available

The SWCD still has 2 Great Plains 10 ft. No-till drills available for rent. Both drills are capable of planting most seeds, and one of the drill's is also capable of seeding warm season grass seedings. The rental fee for both drills is \$10.00 an acre for use in St. Clair county. The landowner will be charged a \$100.00 deposit with a 10 acre min. The drills can be used by landowners in adjoining counties for \$15.00 an acre, only if they are not being used by our St. Clair county landowner's and are sitting idle. We ask that the drills be used only on fields that are capable of being mowed for hay or crop ground, as rocky ground and stobs will damage the drills beyond normal wear and tear and the *user will be expected to pay for the damages.* We also have a 300 gallon pull type Schaben sprayer available for \$50.00 a day and Prescribed burn equipment for \$25.00 per day.

| Rental Equipment Fees:                |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Great Plains No-till drill            | ----- \$10.00 per acre           |
|                                       | (Out of county) \$15.00 per acre |
| \$100.00 Deposit with 10 acre minimum |                                  |



If you think we have cost-share programs that you can implement on your farmland, come in or call us to discuss the options. Not all programs will work for every situation you have, but we need to visit with you about your erosion issues and determine if we can help.... Come on in....

### Visit Us On The Web

To visit our SWCD website  
<https://mosoilandwater.land/>



#### You Might Also Find These Websites Useful:

DNR Soil & Water Conservation Program: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/swcp/>  
This website has a lot of information about the Soil and Water Program in general and also cost-share practice brochures, information about the soils and parks tax, Soil and Water Commission meetings etc.

NRCS: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/mo/home/>

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