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Soil Conservation Technician

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Joe Patke Memorial Award Cooperator of the Year 2017 Clem, Rodney & Tim Gegg of "CRT Farms"



Clem began farming in partnership with his father Leonard when he got out of the service in 1969. Clem purchased his first piece of land in 1982. His sons Rodney and Tim joined the operation 1998. Together they raise cattle and row crops. Clem became a cooperator with the Soil and Water Conservation District in July 1987 and since that time has done many practices through the district including No Till Systems, Sediment Control Structures not only on his land but on farms that he and his sons operate to control erosion. They have all taken advantage of the cover crop program and plant cover crops on nearly all of the land they farm. We would like to commend the Gegg's for being good stewards of their land and others lands they operate.

New Shared District Specialist II

Heather Clark started her position as the new shared district specialist II for Ste. Genevieve, Perry, Cape Girardeau, and St. Francois counties on January 22, 2018. She comes with over 2 years of experience from her previous positions as the shared district specialist II for Scott, Mississippi, and New Madrid counties and a Private Lands resource technician for Missouri Department of Conservation. Heather graduated from Missouri State University in 2011 with a degree in Wildlife Conservation and Management, minoring in Agronomy. She also has experience as a mechanic.



Heather moved to Perryville in 2015 and quickly decided to plant roots here in Southeast Missouri. When not working she enjoys gardening, caring for her chickens, hiking, and spending time with her friends and family. Welcome Heather!

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Hello All,

I am pleased to accept the new NWTF Forester position based out of Farmington, Missouri. I look forward to meeting new folks including the landowners, staff, partners, and other stakeholders aligned with sound and adaptive forestland management. As I get familiar with this NWTF Forester position, I feel that we can meet many of the challenges head-on facing wildlife habitat and forest conservation here in the southeast Missouri Ozarks region and points beyond. Please feel free to contact me to with any questions, insights, or simply to introduce yourself.

I bring to the table over a decade of experience pertaining to forestland consulting and contracting in southwestern IL and southeast MO as a Private Consulting Forester. This experience includes forest planning, mapping, timber sales, prescribed fire, forest thinning, and invasive species control in collaboration with a host of diverse stakeholders. Prior to this, I obtained a Master's Degree in forest fire ecology researching the fire history and cultural history of the Arkansas Ozarks in north-central Arkansas. I am a graduate of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Forestry Program and the University of Arkansas School of Forest Resources. I have also had the pleasure of wildland firefighting for three fire seasons as a firefighter with the US Forest Service both in the western and northern USA.

Much of my professional focus and interests have been on the role of forestry and fire in the Ozark Mountains. I desire to apply this knowledge and understanding here locally in regards to wildlife habitat management. I look forward to serving as your NWTF Forester, thanks for having me onboard.

Bear L. Engbring - NWTF Forester
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Soil Conservation Technician



LaVern Taylor began as the Soil Conservation Technician with Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) on September 5th 2017 LaVern is the former district technician for the Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District

(SWCD). She is providing technical assistance to NRCS and District staff in Perry, Cape Girardeau, St. Francois and Ste. Genevieve counties. Welcome LaVern!

Congratulations Marcella!



Retiring Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors Treasurer Marcella Hotop gets recognized for her 17 years of service to the SWCD and the

Board. Thank you Marcella for your time served.



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Is there clover in there?

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Patricia Miller - Regional Extension Agronomy Specialist

NEVADA, Mo. – If you've sent a pasture or hay soil test through your University of Missouri Extension center, you've been asked what kind of forage you have. "Next time, before you answer, think about whether you have a legume in there and how much of it there is, or if you want to add a legume," says Pat Miller, regional extension agronomy specialist based in Vernon County. "These things make quite a difference in the fertilizer and lime recommendation."

Legumes, such as clover and lespedeza, add quality to the forage and provide most of the nitrogen that the field needs. They also dilute the effect of the fescue endophyte fungus. So Miller suggests that unless you're going for a fescue seed crop (yet a different soil test code and recommendation), or you are in the process of cleaning up your fields with some broadleaf herbicides, you probably want legumes in your field. "If your pH and fertility are in good shape, the legume should provide the needed nitrogen," she says. "Lespedeza can handle a lower pH than red or white clover." So if your pH is below 5.0, lespedeza may be a better choice than clover until your lime application has had time to work.

If you want a legume, don't apply more than 20-30 pounds of nitrogen or the grass may crowd out the legumes. It is also best to have it closely clipped or grazed so the legume seedlings have enough sunlight.

If you get a soil test recommendation for a legume-grass mix, it assumes that you have at least a 25 percent legume stand. If you have less, your nitrogen recommendation may not be enough for good grass growth. If you are going from straight grass to a legume-grass mix, you will have to cut your nitrogen application and sacrifice some grass yield that first year to get your legume established. In this case, use the overseeding recommendation on your test. This will recommend a little nitrogen and a potash amount that won't hurt the seedlings.

"If someone tells me they have trouble getting legumes to grow, my first two thoughts are that the soil pH and fertility are inadequate, or they are applying too much nitrogen and the grass is crowding out the legume," Miller says. "A good soil test with the correct soil test codes should lead them in the right direction to correct the problem."

For more information, see MU Extension guide G4650, "Establishing Forages" (extension.missouri.edu/p/G4650), and G4646, "Tall Fescue" (extension.missouri.edu/p/G4646). They are available online and at your local MU Extension center.

USDA Announces Enrollment Period for Safety Net Coverage in 2018

FSA announced farmers and ranchers with base acres in the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) or Price Loss Coverage (PLC) safety net program may enroll for the 2018 crop year. The enrollment period will end on Aug. 1, 2018.

Since shares and ownership of a farm can change year-to-year, producers must enroll by signing a contract each program year.

The producers on a farm that are not enrolled for the 2018 enrollment period will not be eligible for financial assistance from the ARC or PLC programs for the 2018 crop should crop prices or farm revenues fall below the historical price or revenue benchmarks established by the program. Producers who made their elections in previous years must still enroll during the 2018 enrollment period.

For more information, producers are encouraged to visit their local FSA office. To find a local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

Fiscal Year 2017 SWCD Accomplishments

In fiscal year 2017 the Ste. Genevieve County Soil and Water conservation District provided cost share to county landowner for the following practices:

(4) DSL -01 Permanent Vegetative Establishment	\$12,622.89
(1) DSP – 3.1 Planned Grazing System Water Development	\$5,016.00
(2) DSP- 3.2 Water Distribution	\$14,008.00
(1) DSP-3.3 Planned Grazing System Fence	\$2,484.00
(2) DSP-31 Sinkhole Improvement	\$8,027.43
(7) DWP-01 Sediment Retention, Erosion or Water control Structure	\$33,558.18
(62) N340 Cover Crops	\$115,829.00
(3) Field Border	\$14,157.20
(3) N410 Drop Pipe	\$10,010.94
(5) N472 Livestock Exclusion	\$10,124.56
(3) N574 Spring Development	\$8,379.26
(4) N590 Nutrient Management	\$6,764.00
(1) N725	<u>\$1,984.99</u>
Total funding from SWCD in Ste. Genevieve	\$242,966.45

NRCS Accepting Applications For Conservation Innovation Grants

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for grants to fund projects that could stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) generally fund pilot projects, field demonstrations, and on-farm conservation research.

Karen Brinkman, assistant state conservationist, said Missouri anticipates having \$150,000 in state-component CIG funds available this year. She said individual grants up to \$75,000 can be used to fund projects lasting one to three years

.Brinkman said projects should address one or more of the three resource concerns identified for this program: grazing lands; organic agriculture systems; and soil health. Information about CIG and the application process is available online.

Applications must be submitted electronically through the grants.gov website by 5 p.m., March 26. A PDF of the completed application must also be emailed to Deborah Burgess.

For more information, contact Karen Brinkman at 573-876-0901.

SWCD Email and Text Alerts:

The Ste Genevieve County SWCD now offers e-mail and text message alert. To sign up for this service is simple just go to our webpage <https://mosoilandwater.land/ste-genevieve>. Click on the "receive updates from the district" button on the main screen and follow the steps. If you have questions please feel free to contact Jessica or Rebekah at the office.

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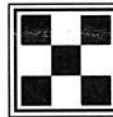
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