

Gasconade County SWCD

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*YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE
GASCONADE COUNTY SWCD
2019 ANNUAL MEETING*

OWENSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL COMMONS AREA

APRIL 11, 2019, 6 P.M.

Our main presentation for the evening will be from one of our local farming families. Jim & Carol Meyer, along with other family members, will be sharing with us their agricultural experience on their recent tour to New Zealand.

The District will be having another silent auction in our continuing efforts to obtain the funding necessary for a new 10' No-till drill. We will be presenting the awards for our Annual Poster Contest, "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper," as well as other special recognitions.

Elections for our Area I (Richland and Boulware Townships) and Area III (Third Creek, Clay, and Bourbois Townships) will be held in conjunction with this meeting. Please see page 2 for election candidate information.

**To make your reservations for the meal, please call the office at 573-437-3478 ext 3 by
March 29th.**

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New Shared FOSA Technician

Hi, my name is April Dudenhoeffer. I grew up in Linn, MO, and my family has a turkey farm. We also have a cow/calf operation, and a saw mill where we can provide the bedding for the turkey barns. Growing up on the farm has taught me a lot of practical hands-on tools and knowledge about farming and inspired me to go to an agricultural college. In 2015, I graduated from the College of the Ozarks with a double major in Agribusiness/Animal Science. Attending College of the Ozarks was an incredible experience for me to get an education while working for the college farm to pay off my tuition. After I graduated, I worked for Niman Ranch, a breed-to-wean hog farm. I had a lot of fun learning how to work in the hog industry; sure, there were moments that were not clean, or easy but I got a new perspective of what it takes to manage a hog farm. In 2017, I decided to move back home, where I began working at a dairy farm. While there, I experienced several self accomplishments as well as herd accomplishments. There were also times of difficulty, but I learned to push on. I truly enjoy being apart of agriculture in all its diversity. In 2018, I transitioned to working in a veterinarian clinic where I worked with farmers and learned a lot about vaccines, antibiotics and handling livestock. I am excited for this new venture-working with landowners and operators in Cole, Osage, Maries, and Gasconade Counties.



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2019 ELECTION CANDIDATES

The GCSWCD will be holding elections for Area I—Richland and Boulware Townships and Area III—Third Creek, Clay and Bourbois Townships on April 11th from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The polls will be located at the USDA Service Center from 8—4:30 p.m. and then will move to the Owensville Middle School from 6:00—7:30 p.m.

Every agricultural landowner in Gasconade County (no matter what Township) has the right to vote for one representative in each area listed below. The landowners must be listed on the Title of Deed. If owned by husband and wife, both may cast a vote; however, if the land is in a Trust or other entity, only one person may cast the vote. One vote for each Area may be cast.

AREA I—Richland & Boulware

The Area I nominating committee, which consisted of Doug Lieneke (Chair), Dale Ridder and David Broeker, have nominated the following candidates:

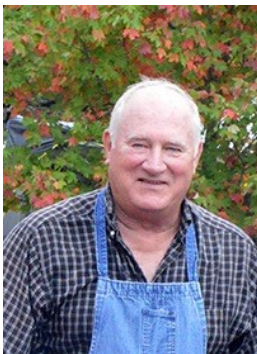
Mike Haeffner—Mike is currently serving as the

Chairman on the GCSWCD Board and is seeking re-election. He has been an active board member since 2011. Mike

and his wife, Susie, have

two children and six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Mike has been farming for 18 years on their 300 acre farm, which has been in the family for over 100 years. They are row cropping soybeans, corn, and wheat. Mike is retired from MDC and substitute teaching. He is a member of the Morrison Volunteer Fire Department and VFW. He is currently serving as the Missouri Association of Soil & Water Conservation District's (MASWCD) Ar-



ea 5 Representative. He and his wife also volunteer as Central Region Envirothon workers. If elected, he would like to keep working with landowners, MASWCD Area 5 Districts, and staff to preserve and protect the natural resources for future generations.

Brian Rost—Brian and his wife, Rebecca

have two sons. They are farming 160 acres, running a 60 cow/calf operation.

They currently calve twice a year in the spring and fall. They raise alfalfa for their own use and to sell to a local dairy farmer. They just recently became involved with the District and built a winter storage facility and are establishing a rotational grazing system as well as fencing out the woodlands and erodible acres. Brian would like help farmers become more aware of the conservation practices and programs that are available through the Soil & Water Districts.



AREA III—Third Creek, Clay & Bourbois

The Area III nominating committee, which consisted of Glen Boettcher (Chair), Richard Peth and Rena Gerloff, have nominated the following candidates:

James E Decker—James (Jamie) and his wife Amy have two sons.

Jamie owns 100 acres and rents 300 acres. He currently is producing row crops and hay and has a small herd of cattle. He has been farming for about 25 years and works for the family busi-



ness—Decker Farms. They have applied a Timber Stand Improvement Practice and just recently began participating in the District Cover Crop practice. He has worked closely with FSA with his crop reporting. Jamie would like to learn more about the District's mission and, if elected, to share it with the landowners of Gasconade County. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge and Shriners.

Luke Mangrum—Luke and his wife, Melissa, have one son. They own 220 acres and rent 400.

Luke has been farming for approximately 7 years. He row crops 350 acres with a corn-soybean rotation and run approximately 35



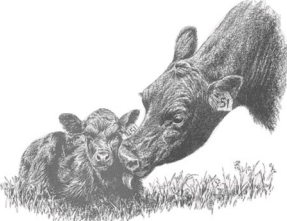
cow/calves. He works for the Bloomsdale Excavating Company. Luke utilizes a rotational grazing system, which was established through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and has participated in the state cost-share program to construct waterways to correct erosion concerns as well as cover crops. He has also participated in the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). He is a member of the Associated General Contractors of Missouri. If elected, he would like to serve the producers by applying what he has learned through using the programs and to promote conservation for the residents of the District.



Forage and Beef Conference

Monday, March 11, 2019

Knights of Columbus Hall
Cuba, Missouri
I-44 East – Hwy. UU Exit

- 12:00 - Registration/Trade Show
- 12:30 - **Mitigation of Infected Fescue** – Dr. Will McClain, Missouri State University
- 1:15 - **Strategies to Optimize Pregnancy Rate in Beef Heifers and Cows** – Dr. Michael Smith, University of Missouri Columbia
- 2:00 - BREAK
- 2:30 - **Basics of Novel Fescue VS. Endophyte Free Fescue** – Dr. Will McClain, Missouri State University
- 3:15 - BREAK
- 3:45 - **Producer Panel** – Grazing Alternative Forages
Megan Rudroff - Osage County Landowner
Harry Cope - Montgomery County Landowner
Joshua Morris - Phelps County Landowner
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- 5:00 - BREAK
- 5:15 - **Using Native Warm-Season Grasses for Forage Production in Missouri** – Dr. Pat Keyser, University of Tennessee
- Dr. Pat Keyser is a Professor and Director for the Center for Native Grasslands Management. In that role, Dr. Keyser provides regional and national leadership in the development and implementation of comprehensive research and outreach programs focused on a broad range of issues pertinent to the management of native grasslands. This includes work on use of native grasses in forage production systems for livestock, biofuels production, the integration of forage and biofuels, answering specific management questions for native grasses, restoration of natural grassland communities such as woodlands and savannahs, and wildlife responses to native grasslands management.*
- 6:30 - Dinner

RSVP by **February 25, 2019** to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732, ext. 3, or 573-364-6202, ext. 3.

****There is a \$10.00 per person charge for the conference – payable at the door.****

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**Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District
Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Present

2019 Farm Tour

Animal Waste Storage Facility

April 18, 2019
Beginning at 4:00 P.M.

**BRING
LAWN
CHAIRS**

Brian Rost/Tamira Prater Farm
1884 Old Ferry Road
Morrison, MO

Presentation Topics:
Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan
Financial Assistance

Registration

Please register for this event by calling 573-437-3478 ext 3 by April 10, 2019.

Meal is provided courtesy of the Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District

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1996 10' 750 John Deere No-Till Drill For Sale

The Gasconade County Soil & Water Conservation District is accepting sealed bids for their 1996 10' John Deere No-Till Drill. The Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

All sealed bids should be received by close of business on Friday, February 8, 2019.

Mail or deliver to:

Gasconade County SWCD
314 S Olive Street
Owensville, MO 65066
573-437-3478 ext 3



2018 Fall Farm Tour

Jason Kopp Farm
Richard Greunke Farm



SIGN-UP NOW FOR COST-SHARE PRACTICES

The Gasconade County SWCD is taking applications for the Pest Management program **NOW through March 20th**. If you are interested in addressing weeds or pests in your pastures or crop fields, come in to see how we can help you.

We also have funding available for:

- Woodland/Pond Fencing
- Grazing Management Practices—Water Source, Water Distribution, Cross Fencing, Lime and overseeding legumes
- Sensitive Areas—Well Decommissioning, Spring Development, Riparian Forest Buffer, Streambank Protection, Streambank Stabilization
- Sheet/Rill and Gully Erosion-Terraces, Diversions, Ponds, Waterways, Critical Area Treatments, Pasture Establishment and Enhancement
- Animal Waste Storage Facilities

For more information, checkout our website at <https://mosoilandwater.land/gasconade> or call or stop by our office Monday—Friday, 7:30 am to 4 pm. We would be glad to assist you!



The 2019 GCSWCD Annual Poster Contest materials are available. This contest is open to any student (2nd—8th Grade) in Gasconade County. The poster board and informational packets have been delivered to the Gasconade County Schools. Please contact your art or science teacher for more information.

If you are homeschooled, please contact the office at 573-437-3478 ext 3 for the materials. The deadline to turn in your posters is March 7, 2019.



2018 State Poster Contest Winner

Garrett Schneider, Hermann Middle School, won First Place for the 7th thru 8th Grade Division at the State Level on November 27, 2018 for his 2018 Poster—Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home. His entry has been submitted to the national level and will be judged the first week in February in San Antonio!

***Congratulations, Garrett and
Good Luck at Nationals!***

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2019 Dates to Remember

February 8	Sealed Drill Bids Due, Page 4
February 12	BOARD MTG—USDA SERVICE CENTER 6:30 pm
February 18	George Washington Birthday Holiday-Office Closed
March 5	BOARD MTG—USDA SERVICE CENTER 6:30 pm
March 7	2018 Posters Due, Page 5
March 11	Forage & Beef Conference—Knights of Columbus, Cuba, Page 3
April 2	BOARD MTG—USDA SERVICE CENTER 6:30 pm
April 11	Annual Meeting—Owensville Middle School 6:00 pm, Page 1
April 18	Farm Tour 4 pm—Prater/Rost Farm, Page 3
May 7	BOARD MTG—USDA SERVICE CENTER 6:30 pm
May 2—3	Grazing School, Linn MO
May 27	Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed
June 4	BOARD MTG—USDA SERVICE CENTER 6:30 pm
June 15	Cost-share Fiscal Year Ends
July 2	BOARD MTG—USDA SERVICE CENTER 6:30 pm
July 4	Independence Day Holiday—Office Closed

The GCSWCD is now on Facebook. Search for Gasconade County MO Soil & Water Conservation District. Be sure to like us on Facebook, so you don't miss out on any important updates!

Visit us on the web at <https://mosoilandwater.land/gasconade>

Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.

Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$100.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$10.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$9.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless otherwise indicated.

◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at Gary Miller, 3325 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call 573-690-9065 to schedule.

◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

Vehicle insurance cards must be presented!

Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge