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8th Annual Customer Appreciation Day

By HeatherK

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We had such a wonderful turnout of landowners, contractors and local agencies to the 8th annual customer appreciation day luncheon. Okay, granted the weather played a huge factor since it was dreary and glum, but once you walked up to the First Baptist Activity Center, your spirits were automatically lifted because of the “amazing” art work and welcome sign designed by the 1st & 2nd grade class of Miss Murphy, Pleasant View R-6. Once inside landowners were lined up to vote for the Board of Supervisor Election and collect their “goodies”. As they walked thru the next set of doors they were yet again amazed by the art work on the doors and all the placemats at the tables, which were designed by the 2nd grade classes at SM Rissler, headed by Mrs. Bain.

John Rice, Board Treasurer, gave a motivational and spirited blessing for the amazing meal that was provided by Madd-Eats BBQ. At noon Kendall Foster, Board Chair, gave special thanks to Andy & Amy Madden, Kathy Madden and Vickie Meservey for the meal and their service, as well Kendall recognized District Staff, NRCS Staff, MDC Staff, FSA Staff and DNR Staff. Now it was time to recognize the 2011 Cooperators of the Year, M.G. & Beth Kennedy. Kendall read a short biography on the Kennedys as well, presented them with a plaque and a gift of appreciation.

During the event door prizes winners were: John Engleman, Martha Roberts, David Horton, Lorene Berry, Everett Cunningham, John Kuttler, Phillip Thomas, Lee Stroud, Rod Jermanovich, Ken Bower, Cora Gibson, Jim Roy, John Urich, Carol Thomas, Kenneth Gibson, Ronald Roberts and Ronnie Tabbert.

Please see **ACAD** on page 2

Board of Supervisor Election Results

By HeatherK

And your vote has been counted...Grundy County landowners voted unanimously to elect John Rice to represent Area IV and Scott Myers to represent Area I on the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors for a term of 4 years, which will expire spring 2015.

ACAD from page 1
ACAD Pics



2011 Cooperator of the Year
By HeatherK

Congratulations to M.G. & Beth Kennedy!



Picture Courtesy of Diane Lowrey, Trenton Republican Times

COTY from page 2

M.G. and Beth Kennedy are the owners of a third generation farm that consists of approximately 370 acres of row-crop and a few beef cattle in central Grundy County. Farming practices used on the land consists of a Corn-Bean-Wheat rotation with no-till or minimum till for additional conservation.

The Kennedy's have actively participated in conservation programs through the years by constructing 10,200 feet of terraces while reducing additional water pollution through the benefits of 127 acres of cost-share assisted nutrient management planning.

M.G. and Beth have a plan in place to continue adding conservation practices to the land over the next several years. A plan that M.G. will now have more time to dedicate himself to after retiring from seed sales in 2010.

The Kennedy's wish to express their thanks to the staffs of the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District, NRCS, FSA and their programs.

Meet Scott Myers, Board of Supervisors

By HeatherK

Scott and Jen Myers have been farming in NW Grundy County for the past 6 years. They do row crop, hay and have some livestock. The Myers moved from Ohio, where they had grown up with farming. Scott and Jen have two girls, Claire 9 and Grace 6. They love their new community and look forward to being a part of and being involved with the activities in Grundy County. Scott enjoys all outdoor activities from hunting and fishing, to sled riding and horseback riding. The Myers love being able to have their family farm, it is wonderful.

Please give a shout out, congratulations and welcome to the Myers family: Scott, Jen, Claire and Grace :D

Women invited to Discover Nature through MDC workshop June 3-5

Missouri Department of Conservation NEWS: March 29, 2011

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The Discover Nature Women Summer Workshop at Windermere Conference Center gives women a fun, safe way to learn outdoor skills.

JEFFERSON CITY Mo -- The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites women to get hands-on outdoor skills training at its Discover Nature Women Summer Workshop on June 3-5 at the Windermere Conference Center in Roach, Missouri.

The workshop provides a safe and friendly environment where women experience hands-on outdoor skills training at the beginner level, taught by a team of longtime professionals. Courses include archery, basic hunting, canoeing, Dutch oven/outdoor cooking, an introduction to firearms, camping, fishing fundamentals, fly tying, map/compass/GPS reading and shotgun shooting.

The special weekend is targeted to women 18 years and older, along with young women age 14-17 when accompanied by a woman 18 years or older. The registration deadline is May 13. The workshop is free, but a \$20 deposit is required at the time of registration. The deposit will be refunded at check in. There is no deposit fee for young women aged 14-17 when registered with an adult.

Participants are responsible for making room and meal reservations directly with Windermere by calling 573-346-5200 or (800) 346-2215, or online at www.windermereusa.org. Various lodging options are available including lodge, motel, cabins and camping. MDC will provide dinner on Saturday.

For more information, including a program brochure, visit www.missouriconservation.org and search "Discover Nature Women," or contact Lynn Merritt-Goggins at 573-522-4115, ext. 3808 or Kevin Lohraff at 573-522-4115, ext. 3294.

The Windermere Conference Center is flanked by 1,300 acres of wooded Ozark hills and occupies 3.5 miles of shoreline on the Lake of the Ozarks. For more information, visit www.windermereusa.org.

Poster Contest & Stewardship Week for 2011

By HeatherK

Forests For People, More Than You Can Imagine
is the theme for this years Poster Contest and Stewardship Week.

Presentations have been made to the Grundy County Schools for the poster contest. The entry deadline for the poster contest (grades 4-5-6) is Friday, April 15th. Poster judging will be held the following week and results will be revealed during the local school's end of year awards ceremony.

As well presentations have been underway to get schools involved with stewardship week. The Pleasant View R-6 1st & 2nd grade class of Miss Murphy and the 2nd grade classes at SM Rissler, headed by Mrs. Bain have designed posters, placemats as well as an awesome welcome sign that serves a dual purpose; décor at the annual customer appreciation day luncheon that was held Friday, March 25th and these creations will be displayed at the schools during stewardship week April 24 – May 1. These classes will be honored with a stewardship week party and pictures of the students creations can be viewed at www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy Local Projects-Annual Customer Appreciation Day-2011 or Stewardship Week-2011.

Please visit the website and go to Local Projects-Poster Contest-2011 to view information on the poster contest,

Good luck to ALL poster contest contestants and thank you to all the students and teachers participating in stewardship week.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The next best time is now.
~ Chinese Proverb



Cost-Share Report as of 3-31-11

By HeatherK

REGULAR COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS/PRACTICES FY2011			
PRACTICE TYPE	# OF PRACTICES	\$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE	
VEGETATIVE COVER	1	\$	2,386.62
TERRACE SYSTEMS	23	\$	204,000.60
PONDS			
BASINS	3	\$	15,951.91
SOD WATERWAYS			
TOTAL \$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE		\$	222,339.13
Report Obligated		\$	222,339.13
MoSWIMS Allocation		\$	252,143.00
Unobligated Funds		\$	29,803.87

Pesky Pond Plants??

With summer upon us there are a few things we can always be certain of; baseball games, homemade ice cream, county fairs and an increase in pond plant vegetation. Unwanted aquatic plants are the primary pond maintenance problem in Missouri. When water temperatures increase pond plants begin to thrive and become an annoyance.

The first step is to determine if you really have a true problem. A healthy pond will have between 10 and 20 percent of the bottom or surface occupied by aquatic plants. Plants help keep the water oxygenated, provide food and cover and protect the shoreline. If good fishing is a priority in your pond then you will want to properly manage the vegetation! On the other hand, when the plants begin to interfere with uses such as swimming, boating, fishing, irrigation or livestock watering then control may be necessary.

The next step is to correctly identify the nuisance plant. This will help decide which control method will be most effective. The Missouri Department of Conservation has a publication titled Nuisance Aquatic Plants in Missouri Ponds and Lakes that identifies 12 common pond plants that are most likely to become a nuisance. But remember, just because they are present doesn't mean they are causing problems. This publication is available free of charge at most MDC office locations or you can download a publication request form off the Department website, www.mdc.mo.gov, just type the word *publications* in the search box. If you need further assistance contact your local Private Land Conservationist or Fisheries Biologist.

Tech Notes by Kevin Stover

Seeding Dates:

There are important dates to keep in mind as landowners look to planned seeding of grasses and legumes in the second quarter of 2011. The chart below lists the "optimal" and "acceptable" dates for both Cool and Warm Season Grasses.

Cool Season Grasses:

Optimal: March 16 – April 30

Acceptable: March 16 – May 31

Warm Season Grasses and Legumes:

Optimal: April 16 – June 15

Acceptable: March 16 – June 30

Cost-Share Applications:

For the final quarter of fiscal year 2011 and for the full life of fiscal year 2012 the maximum amount of cost share for any practice in the Sheet/Rill and Gully areas of concern is limited to \$10,000 of total cost-share. In addition, a landowner may be listed on the District Cost-Share list twice but may only have one practice per fiscal year.

The Medicine and Muddy Watershed Conservation Initiative Project (MRBI):

Progress continues in the second year of the Mississippi River Basin Initiative Project in the eastern portion of the county. This project, partnered with NRCS, is an attempt to reduce the amount of agricultural runoff of nutrients and sediments which may be potentially contributing to local water quality issues and the hypoxic zone in the Gulf of Mexico. To date, eleven landowners and 600 acres of ground have been assisted by this project. For more details contact one of Grundy County's local NRCS employees.

Fiscal Year 2012 Funding:

For the fiscal year of 2012, the Grundy County SWCD will have a Cost-Share budget of \$190,000. This funding is divided between three areas of concern. The areas of concern are Sheet/Rill and Gully, Sensitive Areas, and Grazing Systems with Sheet/Rill and Gully acquiring the greatest portion of these funds. For a full listing of available Cost-Share practices stop by our office for more details.

New ATV for surveying:

The District has acquired a new Kubota RTV500 for use in site review, terrace layout, and general survey.



The Board of Supervisors and the District Employees would like to thank those persons who rented equipment and by doing so making funds available to improve and make work by the district more efficient.

Conservation Photo Contest:

The district is still looking for interested individuals to take part in the Recognizing the Beauty of Conservation in Grundy County Photo Contest. For more information call Heather Keith at 660-359-2006 Ext #101 or visit the District website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/2010PhotoContest.htm>

Equipment Notes by Kevin Stover



**John Deere 7430 Premium 140 H.P. FWA Tractor
540/1000 PTO \$20/Hour with a 5 hour per day minimum**



**John Deere 6430 Premium 95 H.P. FWA Tractor
540/1000 PTO \$20/Hour with a 5 hour per day minimum**



**Plotmaster Seeder - Till, Seed, and finish in one pass
Pull with ball hitch or 3 point carry \$25 per day**



**Self Powered Controlled Burn Sprayer Trailer with
gasoline power unit. Not for chemical application.
\$75 per day**

With seeding and planting season upon us, the Grundy County SWCD as a fleet of rental equipment to assist you with conservation minded farming practices, seeding establishments, CRP seeding, and conservation system construction.

Demand for the District's rental **tractor** was so great that landowners will have a choice of either **140 H.P.** or **95 H.P.** front wheel assist tractors to more closely fit the application. A John Deere 7430 Premium or John Deere 6430 Premium will be available for rental bookings on a first deposit placed basis.

For ground preparation, the District offers for rent either an 18' Ogden Flex-tine **harrow** or a 24' Krause **Culti-Packer**. These units rent for \$100 per day or \$6 per acre respectively.

An 80" Bush Hog **rotary tiller** is also available for seedbed preparation. It is a very good tool for tilling in those burn lines for controlled burn purposes as well. Unlike in years past, the tiller is *only available as a 3 point unit* and will need to be picked up by tractor. This unit is equipped with 540 PTO drive and rents for \$50 per day.

For direct seeding and planting, the District offers a 40" Plotmaster **seeder** that is ideal for food plot plantings or small "spot-in" seeding. This unit rent for only \$25 per day. For larger area seeding and direct planting of cool season grasses and some grain crops a Great Plains' 12' **No-Till Drill** is available and rents for \$7 per acre.

Additional equipment:

Rhino 15' Bat-Wing Cutter	1000 PTO	\$150 per day
Vermeer Bale Processor	1000 PTO	\$75 per day
Toreq 6yd. Forced Ejection Scraper		\$100 per day
Durabilt 10' Boxed Scraper		\$75 per day
Root Plow 24" max depth		\$10 per day
Survey Equipment		\$15 per day
Electric ATV Spreader		Deposit Only

For more information on any of the SWCD's rental equipment, requirement, deposits, and discounts simply call or stop by the office at 3415 Oklahoma Avenue in Trenton, MO. 660-359-2006 Ext #117

Kids Corner – Fun Food Facts

Coffee

It takes nearly 2,000 coffee cherries to provide enough beans for a pound of roasted coffee! The world's rarest coffee cost \$300 a pound. It is called Kopi Luwak and comes from Indonesia!

Food Consumption

In America, an average family of four consumes almost 6000 pounds per year.

This excerpt was found at <http://www.foodfunandfacts.com/foodtrivia.htm>

Kids Corner – Décor & Craft Ideas



Rubber Band as Easter Egg Decorator

A clever way to repurpose an everyday item.

Decorate eggs by positioning bands around them in a pattern before dipping them into the dye.

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This idea was found at <http://www.realsimple.com/home-organizing/new-uses-for-old-things/rubber-bands-easter-egg-patterns-1000001711861/index.html>

Kids Corner – Recipe

Puppy Chow

6 cups Crispix cereal
1/2 cups peanut butter
1/2 cups butter
1/2 cup chocolate chips
2 cups powdered sugar

Melt peanut butter, butter, and the chocolate chips together in the microwave or on the stove. Melt until the 3 ingredients are smooth. After the melting, put the cereal in a large bowl, and pour the mixture on top of the cereal. Next stir the cereal and the mixture carefully so that the Crispix cereal is well covered with the mixture.

Put the powdered sugar in a large plastic bag. Add the cereal mixture in and zip the bag closed tightly. Shake well until the cereal mixture is covered and well coated. Serve as a snack and enjoy!

This recipe was found at <http://www.easy-kids-recipes.com/no-bake-dessert-recipes.html>

Mission Statement

The purpose of the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) is to construct and carry out a complete soil and water conservation program on all lands within Grundy County, Missouri. The district supervisors will work with all individuals, organizations and agencies interested in saving, maintaining and improving soil and water resources within the district.

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2011 Upcoming Events

Holiday Closings

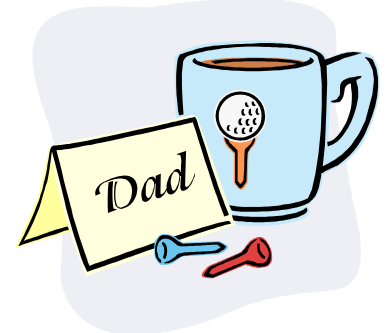
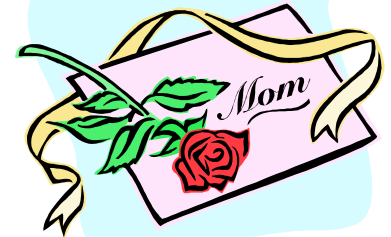
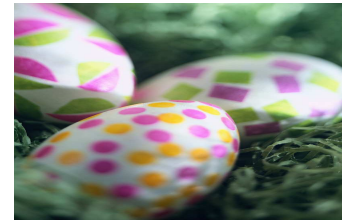
May
30th – Memorial Day

SWCD Board Meetings

April 18th – 9:00am
May 16th – 9:00am
June 20th – 9:00am

Board Meetings are held at the
USDA Service Center
3415 Oklahoma Avenue

All meetings are open to the public with the exception of executive sessions. If you wish to be on the agenda please notify the District

***Happy Holidays to you
from the Staff!***

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