

# Grundy County Conservation Connection

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## Women In Agriculture Set for Boonville

*By HeatherK*

Mark your calendar for Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Women In Agriculture Conference @ the Isle of Capri Hotel in Boonville.

### This year's theme...Taking Charge of Your Future

You can find the registration brochure on our website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/documents/2011WIARegistrationBrochure.pdf>

Here is what you can expect for 3 days filled with knowledge, adventure, friendship and memories! Monday will be available for vendor exhibits/trade show, workshops. The opening session will have guest speaker, Charlie Hopper – Marketing Specialist for Agribusiness Development with the Mo. Department of Agriculture. The evening banquet will have guest speaker Senator Jean Carnahan. The silent auction and hospitality room will be open that evening.

Tuesday the buses will board to head to visit Warm Springs Ranch which is home to the Budweiser Clydesdale Horses. Then lunch will be enjoyed at Arrow Rock. After lunch buses will board to head to tour Starr Christmas Tree Fam. Both the silent auction and hospitality room will be open this evening as well.

Wednesday will kick off with stress management with Vera Massey, workshops and will end with the closing luncheon guest speaker Teresa Snow, Anchor for KRCG News.

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## Cost-Share Allocations for FY12

*By HeatherK*

For FY12 Grundy County has been allocated state cost-share for Sheet & Rill/Gully Erosion \$189,343.00, Sensitive Area \$800.00 and Grazing Management \$4,000.00. For questions on available practices under these Resource Concerns please visit the website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/assistance.htm> or you can give staff a call at 660-359-2006 x3, x117 for Kevin or x101 for Heather.

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As well attendees will have the option to purchase a Sunday show at the Lyceum Theater or a Wednesday show. **Women In Ag registration is due by August 15, 2011**

Please reference Women In Ag Conference when booking your room at the Isle of Capri Hotel (number 660-882-1200)

Below are a couple of pics from last year at the College of The Ozarks



### 2011 MSWCDEA Scholarship Awarded *By HeatherK*

**Congrats Kristyn!**



Picture Courtesy of Julia Adams Photography, Gallatin Mo



**Kristyn** from page 2

Kristyn Keith graduated from the 2011 Trenton High School 8<sup>th</sup> in her class. Kristyn is the daughter of Mike and Heather Keith. Mike is the Plant Environmental Manager at Farmland Foods, Inc – Milan and Heather is the District Program Specialist – Web Maintainer – Info/Ed Specialist at the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District.

Kristyn has been accepted and will be a full-time student at the University of Missouri Columbia. Kristyn plans to earn her doctoral in Psychology with a Minor in Theatre. Her plans after Grad School are to own and operate her own psychology office.

During high school Kristyn was involved in FCCLA for all four years serving as Junior Chapter Vice President of Public Relations and Senior Chapter Member. She was also involved in FBLA for three years, National Honor Society for three years and Key Club for two years. Kristyn was involved in yearbook and she had the opportunity to cadet teach her senior year with Mrs. Beverly Speck, who was her Kindergarten teacher. Kristyn was a wrestling cheerleader for three years and served as Captain of her cheer squad for the last two years and was a football cheerleader for two years and served as co-caption her last year. Outside of school Kristyn participated in Tap, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Lyrical and Hip Hop dance at L.A.P.D. which opened 3 years ago under the dance instruction of Paul Bruinsma and Lacey Shilt.

## 2011 Poster Contest Results

*By HeatherK*

The 2011 theme of the poster contest was Forests For People More Than You Can Imagine!

Grundy R-5 results are: Saedee Jackson 1<sup>st</sup>, Emma Baxter 2<sup>nd</sup>, Taylor Brunelle 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Russell Neeley 1<sup>st</sup>, Hailey Braden 2<sup>nd</sup>, Zoe Littleton 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Kayla Geyer 1<sup>st</sup>, Avery Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jaylen Neff 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Laredo R-7 results are: Caden Ashford 1<sup>st</sup>, Mayce Axtell 2<sup>nd</sup>, Autumn Shoemaker 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Madyson Williams 1<sup>st</sup>, Austin Eckert 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Mariah Fox 1<sup>st</sup>, Hunter Shoemaker 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Pleasant View R-6 results are: Dylan Harris 1<sup>st</sup>, Isaac Harris 2<sup>nd</sup>, Eric Kleinschmidt 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Emily Kasinger 1<sup>st</sup>, Leah Polk 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Rylee Berti 1<sup>st</sup>, Brittany Wilson 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

SM Rissler results are: Nneoma Okea 1<sup>st</sup>, Latorrie Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Nickolas Wattenbarger 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

Spickard R-2 results are: Austin Travis 1<sup>st</sup>, Sierra Bruse 2<sup>nd</sup>, Rodney Lawrence 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade; Riley Howe 1<sup>st</sup>, Colton Youngs 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tiffany Youngs 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Joshua Barnes 1<sup>st</sup>, Lana Raymo 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

TMS results are: Emma Norris 1<sup>st</sup>, Samantha Mihalovich 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lacy Schrock 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> grade; Shayla Woodside 1<sup>st</sup>, Jacob Trickel 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tenna Roberts 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

County Winners and State Qualifiers can be viewed on page 4.

## 2011 County Poster Contest Winner Pics



4<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Nneoma Okea  
State Qualifier



4<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Latorrie Johnson



4<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Nickolas Wattenbarger



5<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Emma Norris  
State Qualifier



5<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Samantha Mihalovich



5<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Lacy Schrock



6<sup>th</sup> Grade 1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Shayla Woodside  
State Qualifier



6<sup>th</sup> Grade 2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Avery Webb



6<sup>th</sup> Grade 3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Tenna Roberts

## GET PLUGGED INTO...MAESTRO

Missouri Agricultural Energy Saving Team - A Revolutionary Opportunity

MAESTRO is a program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and operated by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, University of Missouri and EnSave, Inc. The program offers farm Energy Management Plans, Technical Assistance and Home Energy Audits.

MAESTRO looks at ways to save energy on the whole farm including the farm residence through the installation of energy efficient equipment.

***"The audit helped me realize the potential of energy efficient equipment. I now look at my operation completely different."***

***Steve Shehadey, Dairy Farmer***

### Program Highlights:

- **Energy Management Plans** – a \$1,500 value for only \$250, FREE if you install the recommended equipment
- **Free Technical Assistance**
- **Home energy audit** – a \$500 value for only \$125, FREE if you install the recommended Equipment
- **Incentives up to 75% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$5,000**
- **Loan buy down to 3% - up to \$50,000, and**
- **75% loan guarantee for loans up to \$50,000**

To receive incentives, projects must have 15% energy savings or greater.

**For assistance call the MAESTRO TEAM at (800) 732-1399  
MoAgEnergySavings.org**

## SAVING ENERGY. STRENGTHENING AGRICULTURE.

**Energy saving technologies must be installed no later than November 30, 2012.**

*Funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.*

Additional information on this program can be found at: <http://mda.mo.gov/abd/financial/maestro.php>



## Plotmaster Seeder rental information update

*By Kevin Stover*



Beginning **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011** the rental rate for the Plotmaster Seeder has been changed to a fee of \$50 for the first day of use and \$25 per day for all subsequent days of rental. If you have questions on the rental of the Plotmaster simply call 660-359-2006 x117 or stop by our office. You can also email the District Technician at [kevin.stover@swcd.mo.gov](mailto:kevin.stover@swcd.mo.gov).

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### **Planting Dates:**

Specific planting dates are required for successful completion of vegetation establishment.

Summer or Fall Planting Period  
Cool Season Grasses and Legumes:

**Acceptable – Aug 1<sup>st</sup> thru Oct 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Optimal – Aug 16<sup>th</sup> thru Sep 15<sup>th</sup>**

Seeding or planting completed between June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> in accordance with Critical Area Planting (342) must have a seeding rate of 50% greater than that of the normal periods.

## FSA News – Crop Reporting & CRP

### Crop Reporting

Crop reporting is due by July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by your local FSA office.

### Consent To Disclosure of Tax Information

Any individual or corporation that receives a payment from USDA is **required** to complete the Consent To Disclosure of Tax Information. This REQUIRED form needs to be completed every year. Failure to do so will result in a letter from the IRS asking for the completion of this form or asking for payment to be returned.

If you have questions or need additional information please contact your local FSA office.

### Hay & Graze Dates

**7/16/11 - 9/30/11**

CRP haying & grazing dates run from July 16 to September 30. All livestock must be removed from CRP by September 30<sup>th</sup>. All hay must be removed from CRP by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that haying must be finished by September 30<sup>th</sup>, and then the hay removed from CRP by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Please note that payment reduction is based on the number of acres harvested times the CRP annual rental payment times 25%.  
(acres harvested x CRP annual rental payment x 25%)*

Please see your local FSA for an eligibility determination.

## Equipment Notes by Kevin Stover



Once again the Grundy County SWCD has a 140 PTO Horsepower tractor for rent to assist in the construction of conservation practices or in conservation minded farming concerns. The John Deere 7430 Premium is equipped with 540 and 1000 rpm PTO, four hydraulic outlets, and MFWA. The tractor is suited best for heavier work but is also matched for almost all of the equipment available at the SWCD. For complete details, call or stop by the office.



New for 2011 and 2012, the Grundy County SWCD is offering a second tractor to assist with work in the county. Joining the SWCD's rental fleet is a 100 PTO Horsepower John Deere 6430 Premium. The tractor is equipped with 540 and 1000 speed PTO, triple hydraulics, and MFWA. This smaller chassis tractor is suited to all of the rental equipment that the SWCD has to offer. For the most up to date rental rates along with tractor and availability, please call or stop by the office. For additional information on rental requirements, landowners may also email [kevin.stover@swcd.mo.gov](mailto:kevin.stover@swcd.mo.gov).



10' Durabilt Box Scraper



24' Krause Cultipacker



Torex 6 yd Forced Ejection Scraper



Plotmaster 40" Food Plot Seeder

***Equipment rental availability is subject to "First Come- First Serve" basis when accompanied by a signed and completed rental agreement and security deposit.***



## Kids Corner – Fun Food Facts

### STRAWBERRY

The average strawberry has about 200 seeds. Strawberry seeds are all those little bumpy spots on the surface of the berry.

### SUGAR CUBES

Henry Tate, an English sugar merchant, patented a method of cutting sugar into small cubes in 1872. He made a fortune.

This excerpt was found at <http://www.foodreference.com/>

## Kids Corner – Décor & Craft Ideas



### Rock Frogs

These frogs are up to no good. They're trying to look nonchalant, but as anyone can see, their heavy-lidded eyes are ready to pop open at the prospect of a fly lunch.

### Rock Creature Tips

Glue rocks together before painting them, attaching small stone features such as eyes, feet, or beaks to body parts before joining larger parts; attach whiskers and tails after painting. Cement glue makes the strongest bond but should be used only by parents working in a well-ventilated area. (Kid-friendly glues are less durable and are best for rock crafts that will sit on shelves.)

This idea was found at [http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/rock-crafts#slide\\_12](http://www.marthastewart.com/photogallery/rock-crafts#slide_12)

## Kids Corner – Recipe

### Southern Shortcake

#### Ingredients

- 2 quarts fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 1/2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 egg
- 1 cup buttermilk
- Whipped cream



#### Directions

1. Combine the strawberries and sugar; set aside. In a large bowl, cut shortening into flour until crumbly. In a small bowl, beat egg; add buttermilk. Stir into flour mixture just until moistened. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; knead three to four times. Roll out to 1/2-in. thickness; cut with a 3-in. round biscuit cutter. Place on a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake at 400 degrees F for 15-18 minutes or until lightly browned; cool slightly.
2. Split biscuits lengthwise; place the bottom halves on serving plates. Top with about 1/3 cup strawberries and whipped cream. Replace biscuit tops; spoon about 1/3 cup strawberries and more whipped cream on top. Serve immediately.

This recipe was found at <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Southern-Shortcake/Detail.aspx>

**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.

**Non-Discrimination Statement**

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## 2011 Upcoming Events

**Holiday Closings****July**

4th – Independence Day

**September**

5th – Labor Day

**EVENTS**

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Missouri Women In Ag**  
**Conference**  
**Isle of Capri Hotel**  
**Boonville, Mo**

**November 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Soil & Water Training**  
**Conference**  
**Tan-Tar-A Resort**  
**Osage Beach, Mo**

**SWCD Board Meetings**

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

August 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

September 19<sup>th</sup> – 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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