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45 Years of the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District & Customer Appreciation Day

By HeatherK

A gorgeous day was marked with an awesome turnout of landowners, contractors and patrons to the 9th annual customer appreciation day luncheon. This year marked the 45th year of the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District and it was an honor to have Byron Grisamore, wife Marge and son Steve in attendance. Byron was one of the first members of the Board of Supervisors.

The amazing décor that hung in the basement of the First Baptist Church was created by the 1st & 2nd grade class of Miss Murphy and the 3rd grade class of Mrs. Gates at Pleasant View and the huge and amazing Welcome Sign was created by the 2nd grade class of Mrs. Bain at S.M. Rissler. Thank you to the students and teachers for their hard work and participation in the annual luncheon and Stewardship Week!

John Rice, Board Treasurer, gave the blessing for the wonderful meal that was provided by PW Catering of Humphreys (Penny Webb and Lou). Around noon John Rice presented the 2012 Cooperator of The Year Award to Ronnie & Martha Roberts. John read the short biography of the Roberts' and presented to them a plaque and embroidered coats, as well as thanking them for their continued efforts in soil and water conservation.

After the COTY presentation Kevin Stover, Matt Miller and the board began the drawing of door prizes. One day free equipment rental winners were: Richard Morse – Brush Cutter, Ann Cunningham – Harrow, Randy Horton – Mulcher, Allen Hickman – 6yd Scraper, Byron Grisamore – Drill, Jim Roy – Cultipacker, Babe Roy – Box Scraper, and Harold Walker – Tractor. Door prize winner for the MDC Book (compliments of Scott Roy) Carol Thomas, Grand River Press Gift Certificates winners were Everett Cunningham and Cheryl Moore and the winner of the Socket Set (compliments of T&L Auto) was Wayne Miller.

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2012 Cooperator of the Year

By HeatherK



Ronnie & Martha Roberts own and operate a 330 acre farm north of Trenton. They have a cow calf operation, raise feeder calves, some row crops and mow several acres of hay. Ronnie has worked at ConAgra foods for the past 28 years. Martha works at Hoffman & Reed, Inc and owns her own crop insurance business. They have 3 daughters that all live in the Trenton area.

The Roberts' have actively participated in conservation programs through the years with cost share benefits from both SWCD and NRCS that include the building of 4 ponds, 3 dry basins, decommissioning 3 wells and numerous CRP seedings.

Ronnie & Martha will continue their conservation methods while using no-till practices in their row crop operation and rotational grazing in their cattle herd.

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

Discover Nature with MDC through Women's Outdoor-Skills Workshop

*June 1-3 workshops will teach hands-on outdoor skills.
Registration deadline is April 30.*

JEFFERSON CITY Mo -- The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) invites women to get hands-on training in various outdoor skills at its "Discover Nature Women Summer Workshop" June 1-3 at the Windermere Conference Center along the Lake of the Ozarks in Roach, Mo.

The workshop provides a safe and friendly environment where women receive hands-on outdoor-skills training at the beginner level by selecting a group of four courses from the following offerings: archery, hunting, canoeing, outdoor cooking, firearms, camping, fishing, fly tying, map and compass reading, and shotgun shooting. Women attending for the first time are encouraged to attend the program a second year to complete four additional courses.

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 workshop is free, but a \$20 deposit is required at the time of registration and will be refunded at check in. There is no deposit fee for young women aged 14-17 when registered with an adult. Registration deadline is April 30.

Participants are responsible for their own accommodations and meals. MDC will provide dinner on Saturday. Various lodging options are available at the Windermere Conference Center including lodge, motel, cabin and camping. For more information or to make reservations directly with Windermere, call 800-346-2215, or visit www.windermereusa.org.

For more information on this and other Discover-Nature-Women programs, visit www.mdc.mo.gov and search "Discover Nature Women," or call 573-522-4115, ext. 3808.

Poster Contest & Stewardship Week for 2012

By HeatherK

Soil To Spoon

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 20th. 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 (Miss Murphy), 3rd grade (Mrs. Gates) and the 2nd grade class at SM Rissler (Mrs. Bain) have designed stewardship week décor 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 23rd and these creations will be displayed at the schools during stewardship week April 29 – May 6. 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-2012 or Stewardship Week-2012.

Please visit the website and go to Local Projects-Poster Contest-2012 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***



Management Intensive Grazing Schools for 2012

MIG (Management Intensive Grazing) Schools set for 2012

The Gallatin session will be held on Friday, April 13 & Saturday, April 14. The session will begin on Friday from 4:30 pm – 10:00 pm and on Saturday from 8:30 am – 9:30pm.

The Savannah session will be held on Wednesday, August 29 & Thursday, August 30. The session will begin on Wednesday from 8:30 pm – 4:30 pm and on Thursday from 8:30 am – 4:30pm.

Please visit our website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/events.htm> for registration information and contacts.

MRBI – Matt Miller, SWAT Technician

We want to thank everybody who has signed up for the MRBI assistance as for the sign-up for this years ranking has ended. For all interested landowners awareness, you may still sign up for MRBI assistance at any time for future ranking. The next deadline on our schedule is March 30th and our ranking must be completed. Then by April 6th all pre-approvals will be made and the contract obligation deadline will be April 27th. Some of the practices that are cost shared on in the MRBI are: terraces, underground outlets, sediment basins and nitrate testing. There are more practices on the list and if you are interested on a different practice just give us a call and we will see if the MRBI program is suitable for your needs.

If you are unaware, we have limited MRBI funds in Grundy County but we also have other options that might be an alternative choice for your farm. First is EQIP and EQIP is a vast program with options for just about every landowner. This program is competitive but it never hurts to sign up because you are not obligated to anything until you sign an approved contract. You may sign up for EQIP at any given time of year and any one person here at the office can help you with your application process. Our other option is State Cost Share. With the state cost share you can sign up throughout the year and put on the list. As our funds are limited, and we don't know how much money we get from year to year, the wait on the list may be extensive. The upside is that once you're on the list you only have to play the waiting game. State Cost Share is not competitive and if your site is approved for a practice and the money is available and if your name is on the top of the list then you will receive 75% cost share on your desired practice.

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 2012. 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 2012 and for the full life of fiscal year 2013 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.

FY '12 Important Cost-Share Contract Updates

As fiscal year 2012 comes to a close for the Grundy County Soil and Water Conservation District on June 30th of this year, it is important to remember that if you are a cooperator with a cost-share contract dated between the dates of July 1st, 2011 and May 31st, 2012, you must have all construction, seed, lime, and fertilizer receipts, paid contractor bills, needed direct deposit and banking information, contractor check out notes, and have your practice inspected and certified no later than June 1st, 2012. This policy is new for this year and will be the cut-off date for cost-share practice completion for future years as well. If you have a practice that you have discussed with District staff that is from “Advanced FY '13 Funding” the June 1st, 2012 date does not concern you cost-share contract.

If you need any assistance with your current cost-share practice, have concerns about an existing practice, or are interested in a conservation practice for the future please give us a call or simply stop by the office.

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>

Energize Missouri Agriculture

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An energy audit can identify energy savings between 10%–35% of total energy use.

What's more, an energy audit can help unlock other funding opportunities available through federal energy efficiency programs.

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You might be surprised to learn exactly where your energy dollars are going on the farm and how easy it can be to start reducing your energy costs.



Kids Corner – Fun Food Facts – History of the Cadbury Crème Egg

I am dedicating this article to my son, Derik Keith, Mechanical Engineering Student at the University of Missouri in Columbia. He has already been purchasing his Cadbury Crème Eggs!

Brand history: Crème Egg, a Cadbury milk chocolate egg containing a white and yellow fondant filling (known officially as goo), has been a firm favorite of the UK confectionery market for almost 40 years.

Since 1971, this product has been manufactured in Bournville, which is currently laying Crème Eggs at a rate of 1.5 million a day. This little treat is our best-selling confectionery item throughout the goo season, between New Year's Day and Easter Day. Despite the limited sales period, annual sales are in excess of 200 million eggs, with a further 100 million exported around the globe.

The manufacturing process is quite unique; first, the molten chocolate is poured into the molds, which is then filled with white fondant. The relative density of the two ingredients causes the chocolate to push outwards to fully coat the mold. Finally, the yellow goo is carefully inserted in the middle before the two halves of the mold are snapped together to create a perfect egg, cooled and wrapped.

In 1985, the familiar 'How do you eat yours?' campaign began inviting people to think about how they eat their eggs.

For those Crème Egg fans who need their fix of 'goo' all year round, in 2008 we created the Cadbury Creme Egg Twisted bar.

Did you know...

A great deal of research has gone into understanding the Crème Egg consumer. Our findings show that 53% of people will bite off the top, lick out the goo and then eat the chocolate and 20% of people will just bite straight through, whilst 16% of people use their finger to scoop out the crème.

Despite its diminutive size, Crème Egg is a giant of the UK Easter market. It is the most popular chocolate single in unit sales between January and Easter, outselling its closest rival by 2 to 1.

If you piled all the Crème Eggs made in a year on top of each other, it would be ten times higher than Mount Everest! **VISIT <http://www.cremeegg.co.uk/> FOR MORE INFORMATION**

This excerpt was found at <http://www.cadbury.co.uk/contact/PressCentre/Brands/Chocolate/Pages/CremeEgg.aspx>

Kids Corner – Recipe

FOUR-CHEESE SCALLOPED POTATOES

Ingredients

- 1 1/2 tablespoons [unsalted butter](#), cut into pieces, plus more for brushing
- 1/2 [clove garlic](#)
- 1/3 cup shredded [mozzarella cheese](#)
- 1/3 cup shredded [asiago cheese](#)
- 1/3 cup shredded [raclette](#) or comte cheese
- 2 pounds [russet potatoes](#), peeled and sliced 1/8 inch thick
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 cups [heavy cream](#)
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- 4 fresh [bay leaves](#)
- 1/4 cup grated [parmesan cheese](#)

Directions

Position a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat to 425 degrees F. Generously brush a large skillet with butter, then rub with the garlic. Combine the mozzarella, asiago and raclette in a bowl.

Heat the skillet over medium-high heat. Add half of the potatoes, spreading them out. Sprinkle with 3/4 teaspoon salt, half of the cut-up butter, half of the shredded cheese blend, and pepper to taste. Arrange the remaining potatoes on top. Sprinkle with 3/4 teaspoon salt, and pepper to taste. Pour the cream over the potatoes, then add the nutmeg and bay leaves; simmer 3 minutes. Dot the potatoes with the remaining cut-up butter.

Generously brush a shallow [baking dish](#) with butter; slide the potatoes into the dish; arrange with a fork, if desired. (If your skillet is ovenproof, you can skip this step and bake the potatoes in the skillet.)

Sprinkle the potatoes with the parmesan and the remaining shredded cheese blend. Bake until golden, about 25 minutes. Let rest 5 minutes before serving. Discard the bay leaves.

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

28th – Memorial Day

SWCD Board Meetings

April 16th – 9:00am

May 21st – 9:00am

June 18th – 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!***

**EVENTS**

April 13-14

MIG School

(Management Intensive
Grazing) **at Gallatin**

April 18th

Missouri State

Envirothon

Bradford Research &

Extension Center

Columbia, Mo



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