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Women In Agriculture Set For Chillicothe

By HeatherK

Mark your calendars for September 10-12 for the 18th Annual Women In Ag Conference @ Days Inn in Chillicothe.

This year's theme...A Slice of the Past

Visit our website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/events.htm> to download the Registration form (pdf).

Here is what you can expect in the exciting towns of Chillicothe and Jamesport: Monday begins with registration, an amazing trade show with unique vendors, workshop sessions of organic cheese, Francine's Bakery, soil health, cover crop and Viva Las Vegas Banquet followed by Bling Fling (dress in your party clothes and bring \$10.00 in quarters).

Tuesday board motorcoaches to begin tours to Litton Ag Center, Amish working farm, Jake's Wood Products, H&M Bakery, Sherwood Furniture and enjoy lunch at the Dutch Pantry.

Wednesday workshop sessions include: fabric to fiber, internet/personal safety & high tunnel followed by a presentation by Carolyn Miller for Nostalgia Vintage Apparel, then our closing luncheon.

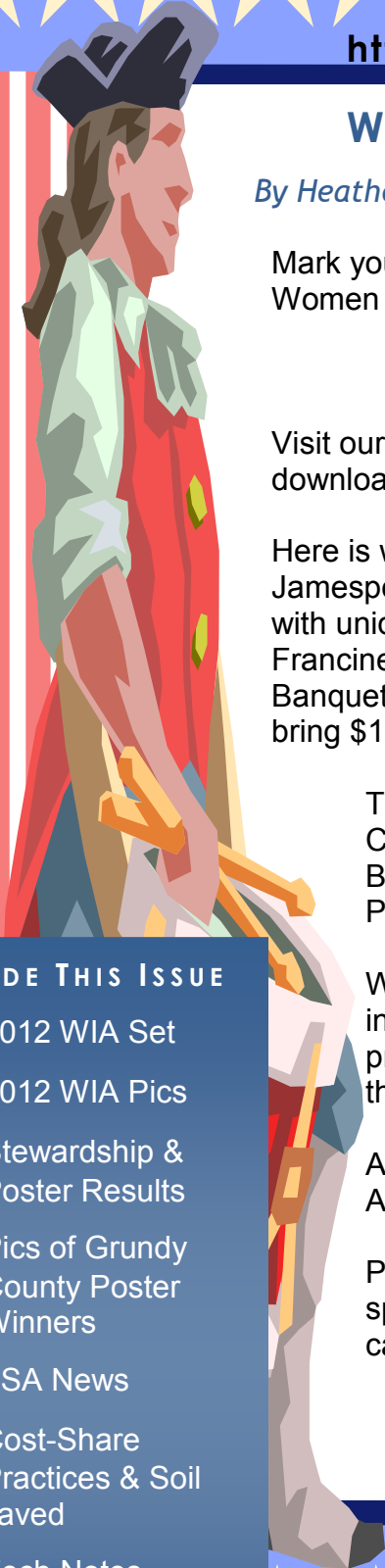
And don't forget our amazing Hospitality Room and Silent Auction during your stay with us.

Please be sure to reference Women In Ag to receive the special rate of \$60/night at the Days Inn of Chillicothe. You can contact them at 660-646-6590.

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I have been attending the Women In Ag Conference since 2009. This annual event is hosted in various places throughout Missouri. Please visit our website to find information on women in agriculture throughout these past years, as well as see pics from all the outings.

<http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/WomenInAgriculture.htm>



2012 Stewardship Week Displays

Grundy County student's support Stewardship Week in their schools.
Kudos to you all and thank you for your participation.



2012 Poster Contest Results

By HeatherK

The 2012 theme of the poster contest was Soil To Spoon.

Grundy R-5 results are: 4th Grade 1st place Briana Carpio, 2nd place Aubrey Gann, 3rd place Ellen Baxter; 5th Grade 1st place Saedee Jackson, 2nd place Emma Baxter, 3rd place Taylor Brunelle; 6th Grade 1st place Zoe Littleton, 2nd place Jonathon Stimpson, 3rd place Russell Neeley.

Laredo R-7 results are: 4th Grade 1st place Maryanna Milazzo, 2nd place Charles Williams, 3rd place Jandie Peterson; 5th Grade 1st place Sidney Lynch, 2nd place Mayce Axtell, 3rd place Autumn Shoemaker; 6th Grade 1st place Mady Williams.

Pleasant View R-6 results are: 4th Grade 1st place Grace Allen, 2nd place Dalton Burchett, 3rd place Brett Stephenson; 5th Grade 1st place Max McNabb, 2nd place Melodie Shutterly, 3rd place Eric Kleinschmidt; 6th Grade 1st place Emily Kasinger, 2nd place Leah Polk, 3rd place Caitlin Ramsey.

SM Rissler results are: 4th Grade 1st place McKayla Blackburn, 2nd place Kayli Crawford, 3rd place Ashley Johnson.

Spickard R-2 results are: 4th Grade 1st place Brianna Holtzclaw, 2nd place tie Tyler Richter and Riley Raymo, 3rd place Konner Cowin; 5th Grade 1st place Austin Travis, 2nd place Rodney Lawrence; 6th Grade 1st place Colton Youngs, 2nd place Riley Howe, 3rd place Tiffany Youngs.

TMS results are: 5th Grade 1st place Winnie Nyakoojo, 2nd place Brennan Williams, 3rd place Nicole Rodriguez; 6th Grade 1st place Emily Bonta, 2nd place Tanner Franklin, 3rd place Emma Norris.

2012 County Poster Contest Winners



4th Grade 1st Place
McKayla Blackburn
State Qualifier



4th Grade 2nd Place
Kayli Crawford



4th Grade 3rd Place
Ashley Johnson



5th Grade 1st Place
Winnie Nyakoojo
State Qualifier



5th Grade 2nd Place
Emma Baxter



5th Grade 3rd Place
Taylor Brunelle



6th Grade 1st Place
Emily Bonta
State Qualifier



6th Grade 2nd Place
Tanner Franklin



6th Grade 3rd Place
Emma Norris

FSA NEWS

Crop Reporting Deadline

All wheat and small grain planted acreage must be reported by July 2nd and all other crops must be reported by July 16th. When reporting please bring planting dates. Contact the Grundy County FSA office at 660-359-2006 Ext 2 to make an appointment.

FSA eAlerts

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Missouri FSA introduces FSA eAlerts—a new way to receive FSA program reminders via e-mail or text. You can sign up for eAlerts at your County Office and choose whether you would like to receive information via e-mail, text or both.

If you elect to receive information by text, remember standard text messaging rates apply. Consult with your cellular carrier to discuss your text plan details. You can opt out of receiving FSA eAlerts at any time.

FSA offices are moving toward a paperless operation. Producers are asked to enroll in eAlerts which will provide newsletters and electronic reminders instead of hard copy through the mail. FSA, like many organizations, is trying to work smarter to be more efficient. Moving to electronic notifications via email and text will help conserve resources and save taxpayer dollars. County Committee ballots will continue to be mailed to all eligible producers.

Bookmark www.fsa.usda.gov/mo to check back frequently for program deadlines and information.

Cost-Share Practices for FY2012

REGULAR COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS/PRACTICES FY2012			
PRACTICE TYPE	# OF PRACTICES	\$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE	
VEGETATIVE COVER			
TERRACE SYSTEMS	34	\$	176,575.60
PONDS	6	\$	56,515.92
BASINS	4	\$	18,075.48
STREAMBANK STABILIZATION			
DIVERSION	2	\$	10,902.76
TOTAL \$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE		\$	262,069.76
	Report Obligated	\$	262,069.76
	MoSWIMS Allocation	\$	262,343.00
	Unobligated Funds	\$	273.24

FY12 Acres Served, Tons of Soil Saved, Feet of Terrace Installed & Cubic yards of Earthwork moved

<i>TOTAL ACRES SERVED</i>	<i>455.1</i>	
<i>TONS OF SOIL SAVED TO DATE</i>		<i>9,210</i>
<i>FEET OF TERRACE INSTALLED</i>	<i>45,300</i>	
<i>CUBIC YARDS OF EARTHWORK</i>		<i>30,279</i>

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:

As a reminder 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.

Machinery updates for the 3rd quarter:

Machinery Updates for July through September



Coming on line for the 3rd quarter of the calendar year is a new John Deere 6190R FWA 190hp tractor.

The rental rate for the balance of 2012 will remain \$22/hr in-county and \$25/hr out-of-county with a \$500 and \$1000 deposits respectively.

This tractor is equipped with 4 remote outlets and both 540 and 1000 rpm power-take-off.

For more details give us a call at 660-359-2006 ext. 117 (Kevin Stover) or stop by the office.

Missouri State Envirothon



Missouri Envirothon

The Missouri Envirothon is a problem-solving, natural resource education program for high school students. In the field, teams of students are challenged to hone critical thinking skills and work as a team. Students answer written questions and conduct hands-on investigation of environmental issues in five categories:

1. Soils/land use
2. Aquatic ecology
3. Forestry
4. Wildlife
5. Current environmental issues

In addition to a written test, the teams also present an oral presentation solving a specific natural resource issue.

The Missouri Envirothon stimulates, reinforces and enhances students' interest in the environment and our state's natural resources. The concept was created by the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts as an outdoor hands-on competition. From "Environmental Olympics," the concept expanded to other states; and when the national competition was added in 1988, the name was changed to Envirothon.

The continuing support of the program reflects the participation and support of the state conservation district associations and cooperating state and federal resource agencies.

Reference materials for students and teachers are available through local soil and water conservation districts. Conservation districts with cooperating agencies, educators, community and interest groups conduct regional competitions. The top three teams at the regional competitions advance to the state competition, usually held in early May. The winning team represents Missouri at the Canon Envirothon.

To learn more about the Missouri Envirothon, including previous team rankings and regulations, visit the [Missouri Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Envirothon website](#) or contact the Soil and Water Conservation Program at 573-751-4932.

Kids Corner – Décor & Craft Ideas – Star Glasses

A perfect gift for a Memorial or Independence Day host, these patriotic tumblers are created using a process similar to eglomise -- the 18th-century French technique of painting directly on the reverse side of glass. For this project, Martha uses special, nontoxic, dishwasher- and microwave-safe paint pens, which create an effect that is rich and colorful yet translucent. When downloading our star template, keep in mind that it is designed to fit a 4 3/4-inch-tall glass but can be centered in any glass you like; alternately, you can enlarge or reduce the image, using a photocopy machine.

Tools and Materials

Star Template

Glasses

Tape

Red and blue paint pens

Star Glasses How-To

1. Download and print the star template. Center it inside the glass, and affix it to the glass with tape. Using the red and blue pens, start filling in the spaces of the star with dots (you can use different sizes and place them as randomly as you like). Let the paint dry for 24 hours.

2. After the glasses have dried, place them into a cold oven. Turn the oven on to 325 degrees, and bake the glasses for 40 minutes. Turn the oven off, and let glasses cool, leaving the door ajar. Now the paint is set, and the glasses can be washed in the dishwasher.

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

Kids Corner – Recipe Blueberry French Toast Casserole w/Whipped Cream & Strawberries

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, plus extra for buttering the dish
- One 1-pound day-old loaf challah or white bread, unsliced
- Two 6-ounce containers blueberries (about 2 1/4 cups)
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups milk
- 1 1/4 cups heavy cream
- 2/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon pure almond extract
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- One 16-ounce container strawberries, sliced
- One 6-ounce container raspberries
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Confectioners' sugar, for dusting, optional

Directions

Grease the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with butter. Slice the bread into 3/4-to-1-inch-thick slices. If your bread is very fresh, lightly toast the slices before assembling. Tile all the bread in the dish, each slice overlapping the next. Scatter the blueberries over the bread, letting some fall to the bottom of the dish.

Whisk the eggs, milk, 1/2 cup cream, 2/3 cup granulated sugar, almond extract and salt in a medium bowl until the sugar is dissolved. Pour over the bread and berries and press gently to help the bread start soaking in the egg mixture. Cut the 2 tablespoons butter into small pieces and dot over the top of the casserole. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand in the refrigerator 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Remove and discard the plastic wrap. Bake the casserole until golden brown and set in the center, 45 to 50 minutes, tenting with foil if the bread starts to become too dark. Let stand 10 minutes. Dust with confectioners' sugar if desired.

While the casserole bakes, toss the strawberries and raspberries with 1 tablespoon granulated sugar in a medium bowl and let stand until juicy.

Before serving, whip the remaining 3/4 cup cream with the remaining 1 tablespoon granulated sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Serve the casserole with a dollop of whipped cream and a generous spoonful of the berries with their juices.

This recipe was found at

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/food-network-kitchens/blueberry-french-toast-casserole-with-whipped-cream-and-strawberries-recipe/index.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**July**

4th – Independence Day

September

3rd – Labor Day

EVENTS**August 29-30****MIG School**

(Management Intensive Grazing) **at Savannah**

September 10-12**Women In Ag**

**Conference
Chillicothe, Mo**

SWCD Board Meetings

July 16th – 9:00am

August 20th – 9:00am

September 17th – 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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