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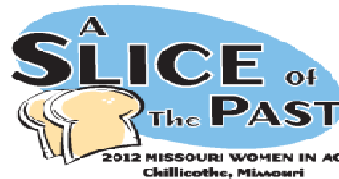
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Women In Agriculture Viva Las Vegas & Bling Fling

By HeatherK



This was an interesting conference. We had a host of vendor displays and information tables set up including: Pampered Chef, Watkins, Fiber to Fabric, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Jewels by Park Lane, Jordan Essential, Thirty-One, Blue Mound, Kowgirls & Treasures, Tastefully Simple, Scentsy, Howe So, Sydenstricker, Mo Dept. of Conservation, FSA/USDA, NRCS, Mo Corn Growers Association, Citizens Bank, Farm Credit, Livingston Co Farm Bureau and Pro-Ag Insurance.

Monday kicked off with vendors, coffee, soda and snacks then the ladies had a variety of workshops to choose from: Doug Peterson presented Soil Health I and Soil Health II, Janet Hurst demonstrated Organic Cheese Making, Deanna Brennecke presented High Tunnels, Extreme Couponing, Francine's Bakery and C Jon Hickle with the Mo Dept. of Public Health gave a presentation on Tick & Tick Borne Illness.

And what can I say but **WOW** on the Viva Las Vegas & Bling Fling Night of food, drink, bidding and entertainment. The Monday evening entertainment kicked off with a welcome by Chillicothe Mayor Haney followed by Mr. J.R. Flores, NRCS. After the meal the night began with the first ever Bling Fling Auction. There was a host of fabulous gifts that the ladies could toss a quarter into the vase on their table and hold up their number. If your number was drawn you would receive the fabulous gift for 25 cents!! The Bling Fling took a break to unveil more evening entertainment...ELVIS! The shake, rattle and roll was very entertaining as well as many scarves were wrapped around several special ladies' necks. Even Elvis took a short break so the Bling Fling could wrap up, then out Elvis came to finish shaking up the evening. The Hospitality Room and Silent Auction were open after the evening entertainment.

On Tuesday all the ladies loaded onto 3 tour buses to begin the adventure to visit the Litton Agriculture Center and various stops in the Amish community of Jamesport. Each tour bus had an informational video about the Amish community in the Jamesport area.

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The Jamesport Tours ventured to an Amish working farm, H & M Bakery, County Store and Fabrics, Sherwood Furniture and a German Family Style Luncheon was provided at the Gingerich Dutch Pantry. Time was allowed for the ladies to traipse around Jamesport to visit the many shops and bakeries.

For the evening ladies had the opportunity to visit local merchants in Chillicothe and follow a self-guided tour of the murals of Chillicothe. Several merchants choose to stay open late so all the ladies from various areas of Missouri could visit their shops. And as always the fabulous and cozy Hospitality Room and Silent Auction was open for the ladies.

On Wednesday our day began with a nice venue of workshops for the ladies to choose from: Sue Self gave a demonstration on Fiber to Fabric, Beth Widner gave a presentation on How to market & sell produce, Chief of Police Knouse gave a demonstration on Personal Safety and Sheriff Cox gave presentation on Internet Safety.

A special closing session was given by Carolyn Miller on Nostalgia Vintage Apparel. This session was adored by all the ladies. Ms. Miller gave the life story of each and every area, including the dress from head to toe. The ending of her presentation was very touching, reaching many women and needless to say, tissues were needed.

The Closing Luncheon kicked off with the committee thanking everyone for attending the WIA Conference and ended with guest speaker Pat Hufford, NRCS. The lady landowner of the year was awarded to Ann Whitehead. There were many door prizes given away and the biggest reveal was the super grand prize of lodging and flight to Las Vegas!!! The lucky winner of the grand prize was Amy McCrary! Congratulations Amy!! This was such a unique and fun conference for Women In Ag and all of us ladies look forward to next year!

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2012 WIA Pics



The NW Regional Envirothon Competition will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at Crowder State Park in Trenton

Team Registration deadline is October 21, 2012.

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/NW-Regional-Envirothon/300911023337427>

The Envirothon is a hands-on, problem solving, natural resource education program for high school students, grades 9-12. Each Envirothon team, consisting of 5 students, are challenged to hone critical thinking skills and work together in order to compete at outdoor stations that test their knowledge on aquatic ecology, soils/land use, forestry, wildlife and current environmental issue. In addition to these written tests, an oral component is in place where students present their solution to the problem given to them concerning the current issue topic for the year. The top 3 scoring teams of each of the 7 Regions will advance to State Competition.

The NW Regional area encompasses the following 17 counties: Atchison, Holt, Nodaway, Andrew, Buchanan, Worth, Gentry, DeKalb, Clinton, Harrison, Daviess, Caldwell, Ray, Mercer, Grundy, Livingston and Carroll.

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Pin Oak Problem

This is Scott Roy with the Missouri Department of Conservation Private Land Services bringing you today's Soil and Water Report. I have received several inquiries from homeowners about unsightly brown bumps on the leaves of their pin oak trees. While definitely unsightly you will be glad to know that the effect on your pin oak is only aesthetic. These brown bumps are leaf galls formed by a tiny microscopic wasp. There are a variety of gallforming species of small wasps that commonly infest oak. With the large natural population explosion this year, next year should not be quite as bad. Other insects such as aphids or mites can cause galls to appear on the leaves or twigs as well as some types of bacteria, nematodes and fungi. Galls are abnormal plant growth or swellings comprised of plant tissue.

In general, most leaf galls on oak do not affect the health of the host tree. A few can cause leaves to drop prematurely, or distort them so that photosynthesis is interrupted. Once the gall appears on the leaf, there is no way to control it. Preventing most leaf galls is extremely difficult. Chemical control is seldom suggested for management of leaf galls on oak. Cultural methods of control may be effective in reducing the impact of these insects. Some fallen leaves may harbor various life stages of gall-producing pests. Therefore, it may be useful to rake up and destroy all infested fallen leaves. Some of these pests overwinter in twigs and branches of oak. Where such woody galls are detected, prune and destroy the infested plant material when the galls are small and have just started to develop. These measures may help to break the wasp's life cycle.

In short, the best medicine for your pin oak if it is infested with galls is water and fertilizer to help reduce stress. Leaf galls, while unsightly, should not kill the tree and usually natural controls will keep the population from repeating next year.



2013 Poster Contest Theme & Stewardship Week Theme Revealed

Where does your water shed?

The amount of fresh water on earth is all we have. It is important to understand where the fresh water goes after a rain, after you empty the bathtub or use it to water your plants. We have to take care of our fresh water as it gets used over and over again. Everyone lives in a watershed. What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains to a particular body of water such as a river or a lake. Rain or any type of precipitation that falls anywhere in that watershed eventually flows to a body of water. The water may travel over land as surface water or flow underground as groundwater. Look around your community or as you travel to see water traveling within a watershed.

This excerpt was taken from

<http://www.nacdnet.org/education/contests/poster/2013/index.phtml>

In December/January I will be presenting this material to all local 4-6 grade students.



Kids Corner – Recipe

Chocolate Caramel Candy Recipe



This dazzling treat tastes like a Snickers bar but has homemade flavor beyond compare. When I entered it in a recipe contest at our harvest festival, it won five ribbons, including grand prize and the judges' special award. -Jane Meek, Pahump, Nevada

Ingredients

- 2 teaspoons *butter*
- 1 cup *milk chocolate chips*
- 1/4 cup *butterscotch chips*
- 1/4 cup *creamy peanut butter*
- **FILLING:**
- 1/4 cup *butter*
- 1 cup *sugar*
- 1/4 cup *evaporated milk*
- 1-1/2 cups *marshmallow creme*
- 1/4 cup *creamy peanut butter*
- 1 teaspoon *vanilla extract*
- 1-1/2 cups *chopped salted peanuts*
- **CARAMEL LAYER:**
- 1 package (14 ounces) *caramels*
- 1/4 cup *heavy whipping cream*
- **ICING:**
- 1 cup (6 ounces) *milk chocolate chips*
- 1/4 cup *butterscotch chips*
- 1/4 cup *creamy peanut butter*

Directions

- Line a 13-in. x 9-in. pan with foil; butter the foil with 2 teaspoons butter and set aside.
- In a small saucepan, combine the milk chocolate chips, butterscotch chips and peanut butter; stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Spread into prepared pan. Refrigerate until set.
- For filling, in a small heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add sugar and milk; bring to a gentle boil. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook and stir for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat; stir in the marshmallow creme, peanut butter and vanilla until smooth. Add peanuts. Spread over first layer. Refrigerate until set.
- For caramel layer, in a small heavy saucepan, combine the caramels and cream; stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Cook and stir 4 minutes longer. Spread over filling. Refrigerate until set.
- For icing, in another saucepan, combine chips and peanut butter; stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Pour over the caramel layer. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.
- Remove from the refrigerator 20 minutes before cutting. Remove from pan and cut into 1-in. squares. Store in an airtight container. **Yield:** about 8 dozen.

Nutritional Facts 1 serving equals 86 calories, 5 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 4 mg cholesterol, 41 mg sodium, 10 g carbohydrate, trace fiber, 2 g protein.

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

October

8th – Columbus Day

November

12th – Veterans Day

22nd – Thanksgiving Day

December

25th – Christmas 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

**November 1st
NW Regional
Envirothon Competition
at Crowder State Park**

**November 26-28
Training Conference
at Tan-Tar-A Resort**



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