

# Grundy County Conservation Connection

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## Date Set for 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation Day

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> for the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Customer Appreciation Day Luncheon to be held at Barton Campus from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

Board of Supervisors Election  
Polls open 8:00 am-2:00 pm at Barton Campus

This year marks 50 years of conservation efforts put forth by the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District.

The District hosts an annual appreciation day every March to thank landowners for their conservation efforts, contractors for their work and the partnerships with NRCS and MDC.

## Smithfield – Milan Environmental Team Hosts Environmental Day

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Day was held at a local county school on Thursday, October 20. This yearly event is sponsored by the Smithfield Milan Environmental Team.

The team demonstrates testing of turbidity, dissolved oxygen, temperature and pH from local lake waters. Students are then divided into teams so every student can have hands on experience with the testing.

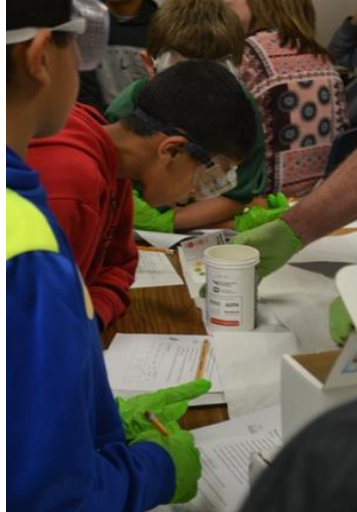
After completion of testing the students are treated with pizza, pop and chips.

Thank you to the Smithfield Environmental Team for providing an educational experience to these students.

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## Environmental Day Pictures





## NW Regional Envirothon Teams State Bound April 26th

We had a great event at Crowder State Park in Trenton on Thursday November 3, 2016 for our NW Regional Competition. Regional Schools/Teams that participated this year was Plattsburg A, Plattsburg B, Norborne A, Norborne B, Missouri Academy A, Missouri Academy B, South Nodaway A, South Nodaway B, South Nodaway C, North Mercer and an Alternate Team. Teams competed in Wildlife, Forestry, Soils, Aquatics, Current Issue and Oral Presentation. A variety of breakfast options started the day, midway thru competition the teams were able to break for pizza and chips. After the last rotation was completed tests were taken to the scoring room to be graded, components calculated to find the top team in each resource area and the top 3 teams that will advance to State Competition on Wednesday, April 26th, 2017.

The top resource scores this year: Forestry – Missouri Academy B, Wildlife – North Mercer, Aquatics – Missouri Academy B, Soils – Missouri Academy B, Current Issue – South Nodaway A and Oral Presentation – Missouri Academy B. Advancing to State: 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Norborne A, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – South Nodaway A and 1<sup>st</sup> place – Missouri Academy B.

Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts that donated and supported this competition were: Holt, DeKalb, Daviess, Nodaway, Grundy, Caldwell, Carroll, Gentry & Ray.

Special thanks to the Missouri Envirothon for their support.

A huge thank you to Smithfield Hog Production Division for sponsoring the event with t-shirts & bottled water for competition day. For this generous support we thank you!

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**Hog Production Division  
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The Envirothon is an amazing program for the youth of our communities. To find out more about the Envirothon you can visit the following links:

Grundy County website <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/grundy/Envirothon.htm>

Missouri State website <http://www.moenvirothon.org>

NCF National website <http://www.envirothon.org>

## Poster Contest and Stewardship Week Theme Revealed



In 1955, the National Association of Conservation Districts began a national program to encourage Americans to focus on stewardship. Stewardship Week is officially celebrated from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May. It is one of the world's largest conservation-related observances.

The program relies on locally-led conservation districts sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation activities. Districts provide conservation and stewardship field days, programs, workshops and additional outreach efforts throughout their community to educate citizens about the need to care for our resources. Many district activities extend beyond the one week observance to include an entire year of outreach.

The Stewardship concept involves personal and social responsibility, including a duty to learn about and improve natural resources as we use them wisely, leaving a rich legacy for future generations.

One definition of Stewardship is "the individual's responsibility to manage his life and property with proper regard to the rights of others." E. William Anderson suggests stewardship "is essentially a synonym for conservation."

Stewardship Week helps to remind us all of the power each person has to conserve natural resources and improve the world. When everyone works together with their local conservation district, that power continuously grows. We have seen these good deeds multiply across the nation's network of conservation districts and the results are spectacular!

*When the land does well for its owner, and the owner does well by his land—when both end up better by reason of their partnership—then we have conservation. - Aldo Leopold*

Stewardship week each year is always the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May.

This excerpt found at: <http://www.nacdnet.org/general-resources/stewardship-program/>

## Bob Chenoweth – Celebrating 10 years as a District Employee

The Missouri Soil & Water Conservation Districts Employee Association recognized Bob Chenoweth for his 10 years of service at the training conference at Tan-Tar-A this past November.



Pictured Bob & Betty Chenoweth

Bob graduated from Galt in 1951 and in 1953 he enlisted in the Air Force for 4 years. He spent a year during the Korean War as an Electronic Technician on AC&W Radar sites. Bob earned his AA in Pre-Engineering from KC Metro Community College in 1960. In 1964 Bob and his family moved to Trenton and opened Bob's TV and Electronics until 1970.

For 28 years Bob was an Instructor of Electronic & Computer Maintenance at the Grand River Technical School. After he retired in 1994 he operated a computer sales and service in Trenton until 2000 and then began volunteering his time to install Life Line devices in the 9 County Green Hills area with his wife, Betty.

Bob began employment with the district in July of 2006 as an assistant to the technician, assisting with terrace and pond layout and design as well as assisting the office with phones, landowners and contractors.

Bob has served on the Grundy County Museum board as both a member and for three years as president of the board. Both Bob and Betty have been active in their church, Wesley United Methodist, since 1965 serving in various capacities. Bob and Betty have three children: Bobby in Farley, MO; Barry in Trenton, MO and Betsy in Austin, TX.

## Conservation Stewardship Program Deadline February 3rd

### Deadline to Apply for Conservation Stewardship Program is February 3

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is reminding farmers and ranchers that they have until Friday, February 3, to enroll for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) at their local USDA Service Center.

CSP helps established conservation stewards deliver multiple conservation benefits on working lands, including improved water and soil quality and enhanced wildlife habitat. CSP is the largest private lands conservation program in Missouri and in the nation. Missouri landowners have enrolled 1.6 million acres into CSP over the past seven years.

Through CSP, agricultural producers and forest landowners earn payments for actively managing, maintaining, and expanding conservation activities like residue management, cover crops, nutrient and pest management, buffer strips, and pollinator and beneficial insect habitat – all while maintaining active agriculture production on their land.

NRCS made several updates to CSP that will help producers better evaluate their conservation options and the benefits to their operations and natural resources. New methods and software for evaluating applications will help producers understand up front if they are meeting stewardship thresholds, and allow them to pick practices and enhancements that work for their conservation objectives. These new tools also allow producers to see potential payment scenarios for conservation early in the process. An important change is that there is more flexibility now for when Missouri farmers and ranchers make changes to their operations.

The Missouri NRCS website provides [updated information about CSP](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/mo/newsroom/releases/?cid=NRCSEPRD1310605).

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## 2017 State WIA Date Set



**Save the date:  
Old Kinderhook  
Near Camdenton & Lake of the Ozarks  
September 11-13**

## Cost-Share Report

### Cost-Share Report as of 1-26-17

REGULAR COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS/PRACTICES FY2016			
PRACTICE TYPE	# OF PRACTICES	\$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE	
VEGETATIVE COVER	1	\$	3,236.42
TERRACE SYSTEMS	24	\$	301,408.93
PONDS	15	\$	161,656.33
BASINS	8	\$	32,230.57
DIVERSION	1	\$	7,088.15
COVER CROP	19	\$	47,725.20
SPRING DEVELOPMENT		\$	
GRAZING MANAGEMENT			
TOTAL \$'S OBLIGATED TO DATE		\$	553,345.60
	Report Obligated MoSWIMS Allocation	\$	553,345.60
	Unobligated Funds	\$	19,642.40

### FY 2018 Monies to be allocated for Grundy County

Grazing Management	\$ 13,538.00
Sensitive Areas	\$ 1,805.00
Sheet/Rill & Gully Erosion	\$334,939.00
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$334,939.00</b>



## Kids Corner – Recipe

## Home Made Top Tarts!



## Ingredients

- 1 (15 ounce) package refrigerated pie crusts
- 1/4 cup strawberry jam, divided
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon colored decorating sugar, or as needed

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Line baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Unroll the pie crusts, place on a lightly floured work surface, and roll the crusts slightly with a rolling pin to square the edges. Cut each crust into 8 equal-sized rectangles. Place about 2 teaspoons of strawberry jam in the center of 8 squares, and spread the jam out to within 1/4 inch of the edge of the pastry square. Top each with another pastry square, and use a fork to crimp the squares together, sealing in the jam. Use a knife to trim the pastries, if desired. Move the filled pastries to the prepared baking sheets.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until the edges are lightly golden brown, about 7 minutes. Allow to cool on the baking sheets. Meanwhile, stir together the confectioners' sugar, milk, and vanilla extract in a bowl to make a spreadable frosting. Spread the cooled tarts with frosting and sprinkle with colored sugar.

**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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## 2017 Upcoming Events

**Holiday Closings****January**

1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day

18<sup>th</sup> – MLK Birthday

**February**

20<sup>th</sup> – President's Day

**SWCD Board Meetings**

January 17<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

February 21<sup>st</sup> – 9:00am

March 17<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm

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!**



*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

**EVENTS****March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Customer  
Appreciation Day  
Luncheon  
Barton Campus, Trenton



**Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**Grundy County SWCD**  
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Trenton, Mo 64683