

# Grundy County Conservation Connection

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## Date Set for 2018 Annual Customer Appreciation Day

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 9<sup>th</sup> for the Annual Customer Appreciation Day Luncheon to be held at Barton Campus from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

This year marks 51 years of conservation efforts put forth by the Grundy County Soil & Water District.

The District hosts an annual appreciation day every March to thank our landowners, contractors and partners for their efforts to protect and save our soils, as well as promote healthy waters.

## Smithfield – Milan Environmental Team Hosts Environmental Day

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Environmental Day was held at a local county school on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. This yearly event is sponsored by the Smithfield Milan Environmental Team.

The team talks about the water cycle, recycling & conservation, as well they demonstrate water testing of turbidity, dissolved oxygen, temperature and pH from local lake waters. Every student has an opportunity to participate in the various water tests.

When testing is complete students are treated with a variety of pizza, chips and pop. All aluminum cans are recycled where students crush their own cans using the can crusher.

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

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## Environmental Day Pictures





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual NW Women In Ag Night

The NW Women In Ag Night – DIY Herb Pot Garden was held on Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Barton Campus.

When ladies arrived they had a chance to visit with FCS Financial and the Grundy County Health Department.

Prior to the start of the event, ladies used chalkboard paint to paint their herb pots so they could dry during the sessions.

Adam Brandsgaard, Education Consultant/Outdoor Skills Specialist with MDC, visited with the ladies about Wildlife Management, ecosystem and food chain cycles. There were many questions and in depth discussions during this session.

Jenna Monnig, MU Extension Livestock Specialist, introduced herself to the ladies and gave a quick glimpse on her position and servicing counties.

Tim Baker, MU Extension Horticulture Specialist, visited with the ladies on Hummingbirds and Culinary Herbs. We learned so much about the Hummingbirds and had another great session.

Ladies were able to plant their herbs in their terra cotta pots.

Jackie Allenbrand gave her presentation on PHARM Dog USA (Pets Helping Agriculture in Rural Missouri). This program trains dogs so they can help their people with disabilities on the farm. Sweet Odie is the Ambassador for the program. As well, Alda, a recipient of the program, visited with the ladies and told her story on how much the program has allowed her to lead a full life on the farm. To learn more please visit [www.pharmdog.org](http://www.pharmdog.org).

Supper was prepared by PW Catering. FCS Financial donated ice cream spades to the ladies for a nice giveaway.

Plans will be under way for the next event in October 2018.



## Northwest Women In Ag Night Pictures





## Bob Chenoweth – Retires after 11 ½ Years of Service

Grundy County SWCD held a retirement party for Bob Chenoweth to thank him for his 11 1/2 years of service to the District, landowners & contractors.

***Happy Retirement Bob!!***



## NW Regional Envirothon Teams State Bound April 26th

We had a great event at the MDC Regional Office in St Joe on Thursday November 2, 2017 for our NW Regional Competition. Regional Schools/Teams that participated this year was Plattsburg A, Plattsburg B, Norborne A, Norborne B, Missouri Academy, South Nodaway A, South Nodaway B and South Nodaway C. 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 Thursday, April 26th, 2018.

The top resource scores this year: Forestry – South Nodaway A, Wildlife – South Nodaway A, Aquatics – Norborne A, Soils – Norborne A, Current Issue – Missouri Academy and Oral Presentation – Missouri Academy.

Advancing to State Competition:

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Norborne A

2<sup>nd</sup> place – South Nodaway A

1<sup>st</sup> place – Missouri Academy

Thank you to our Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts, MDC, NRCS, Board Members, Missouri Master Naturalists, Smithfield Milan and District Employees for your time as volunteers. We could not do this without you!

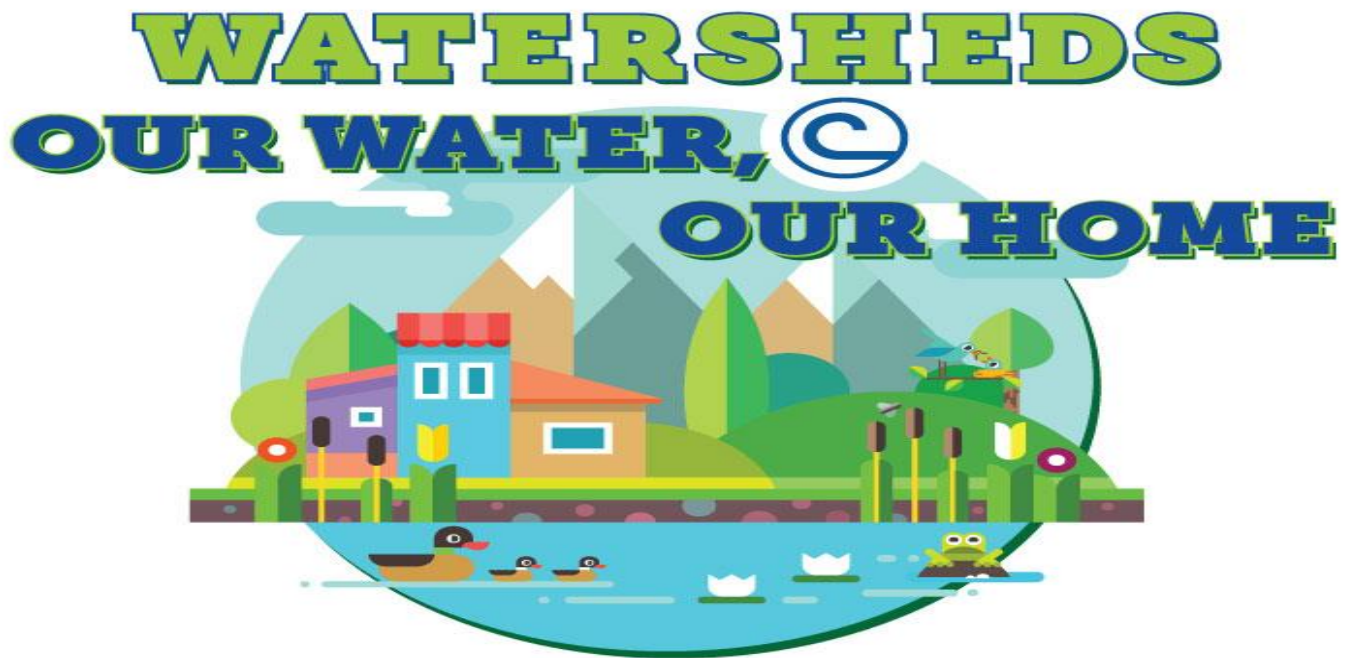
Thank you to Smithfield Hog Production Division for sponsoring the event with t-shirts & bottled water for competition day.

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## 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*

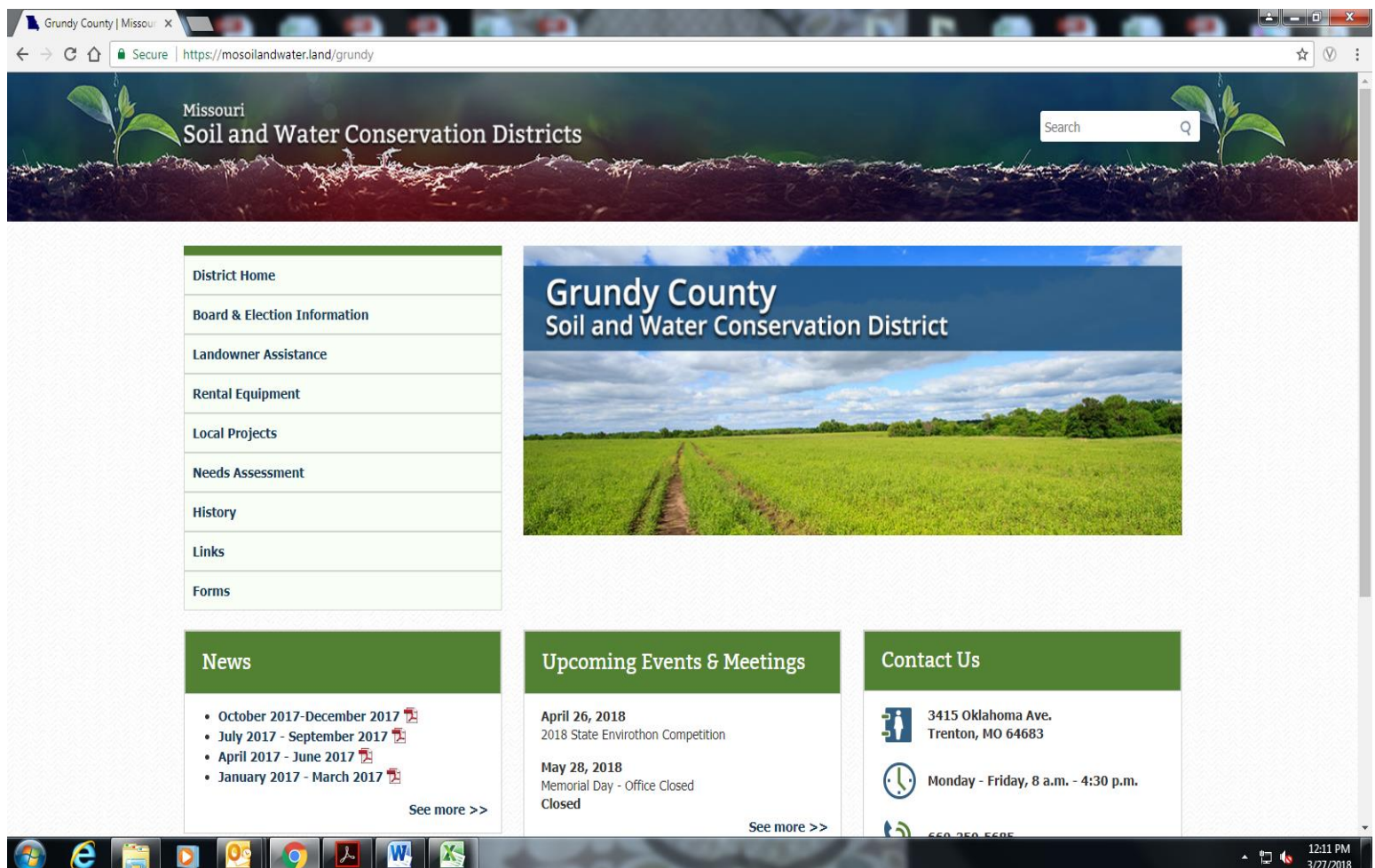
Stewardship week each year is always the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May.



**FY 2019 Monies to be allocated for Grundy County**

Grazing Management	\$ 6769.00
Sensitive Areas	\$ 903.00
Sheet/Rill & Gully Erosion	\$385,180.00

**Total Allocation                    \$392,852.00**

**New Grundy County SWCD Website**



**Kids Corner – Recipe****Stuffed Strawberries**

## Ingredients

- 1 pint fresh strawberries
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- ½ cup confectioners' sugar, or to taste
- 2 tablespoons orange flavored liqueur or vanilla, or to taste

## Directions

1. Cut the tops off of the strawberries and stand upright on the cut side. Make a cut 3/4 of the way down from the tip of the strawberry towards the bottom.
2. Beat together the cream cheese, sugar, and liqueur/vanilla until smooth in a mixer or a food processor. Place into a piping bag with a star tip. Pipe into each strawberry and arrange on a serving platter.

**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

15<sup>th</sup> – MLK Day

**February**

19<sup>th</sup> – President's Day

**EVENTS****March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Customer  
Appreciation Day

11:00am-1:00pm

Barton Campus, Trenton

**SWCD Board Meetings**

January 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

February 20<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

March 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am

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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