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Grundy County Soil & Water celebrates 52 Years!

We had perfect weather to celebrate 52 years of the Grundy County Soil & Water Conservation District at Barton Campus. John Rice, Board Treasurer, gave the blessing for the amazing meal provided by PW Catering.

At noon, Kendall Foster-Chairman, presented a plaque to the 2019 Cooperator of the Year to Oram Brothers. Then he presented a plaque to the 2019 Soil Health Steward of the Year to Larry & Judy Urton.



Photo Courtesy of Diane Lowrey, Trenton Republican Times

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2019 SWCD Board of Supervisors Election Judges

Results of Board of Supervisor Election on 3/8/19
Elected to serve a 4-Year Term to the Board of Supervisors of Grundy County SWCD is:
Ethan Griffin, Area 1 representing townships: Washington, Harrison, Taylor, Franklin (West of Hwy. 65) & Lincoln (West of Hwy. 65)
And
John Rice, Area 4 representing townships: Trenton (West of Hwy. 65), Jackson (West of Hwy. 65), Madison & Jefferson.

2019 Cooperator of the Year Oram Brothers

Jonathan grew up in Gilman City Mo on a family farm. Along with his brothers raised hogs and showed hogs growing up. He attended Linn State technical college after high school to study diesel mechanics. After graduation he worked at John Deere as a mechanic. Jonathan and his brothers had an opportunity to start renting some row crop ground when they got back around the farm after school.

In 2012 Jonathan purchased a farm north of Brimson where him and his wife Samantha raise 3 children, Brody, Ava, Owen.

Growing up the family no-tilled beans and always no-tilled some corn. They no-till most of their corn now and are now more comfortable with it. They started using cover crops 5-6 years ago and try new species or different methods each year. Every year is different with different challenges but cover crops and no-till have helped build healthier soil and control erosion on their landlord's farms and farms they own. They try to plant as many cover crops as possible every year, no-till and cover crops have many long-term advantages they have seen.

Aside from farming Heath, Jonathan and Ross run a commercial spray business, a crop insurance business and a seed business on their parents (Ed & Jamie Oram) farm.

2019 Soil Health Steward of the Year Larry & Judy Urton

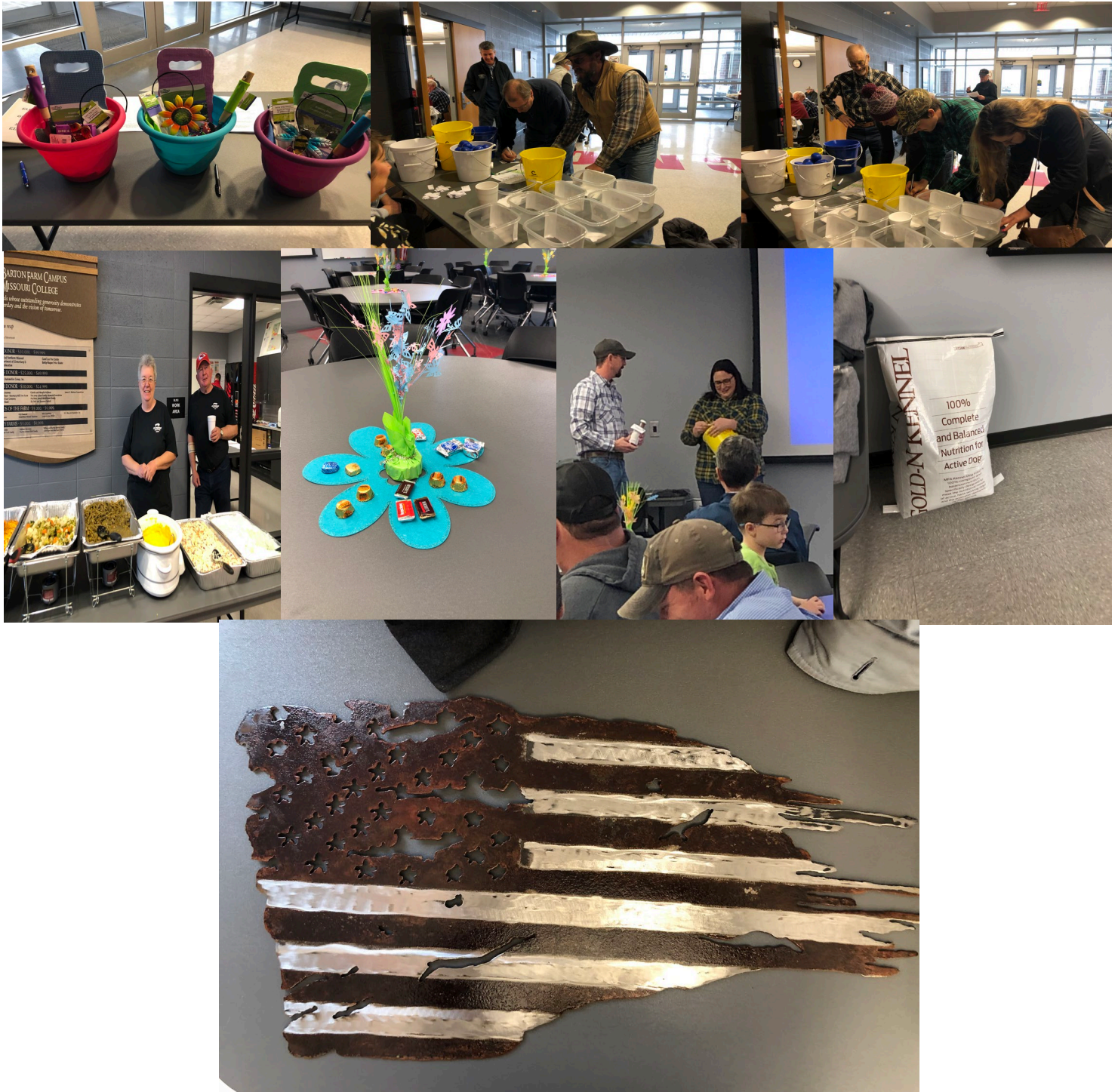
This year's Soil Health Award goes to Larry and Judy Urton.

Larry and Judy have used different types and mixes of cover crops, along with no-till, and crop rotation. As well they manage grazing on their farm.

Larry spends many hours reading and keeping up on the latest research about improving soil health and is always willing to try something new.

Due to their efforts, the Board is pleased to present them this award.

Annual Customer Appreciation Day Pics



Kids Corner – Craft**Easter Egg Sun Catcher**

Coloring Easter eggs with our kids is one of our favorite holiday activities. We love how excited they get when the eggs come out of the dye cups for the first time and they get to see the beautiful colors. This fun and easy Easter craft lets your child create their own beautifully colored Easter egg, and their hands won't be five shades of green in the morning! This technique for creating child friendly sun catchers turns out beautifully every time and can be easily adapted for multiple ages.

What you'll need:

- [Easter Egg template](#)
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Contact paper (available at most hardware stores as well as craft stores)
- Multiple colors of tissue paper

How to make your Easter Egg Sun Catcher Craft:

1. Print our Easter egg template. Cut the egg template out and trace it onto construction paper. Cut the egg out of the construction paper.
2. Cut out the middle of the egg leaving approximately 1/2" of the outside intact. Discard the center you just cut out.
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4. Cut out the middle of the egg leaving approximately 1/2" of the outside intact. Discard the center you just cut out.
5. Peel the backing paper off of the contact paper and stick your egg outline onto it.
6. Cut multiple colors of tissue paper into 1 inch squares.
7. Stick the tissue paper onto the egg making sure to overlap the pieces.
8. Peel the backing paper off another piece of contact paper. Carefully stick it over the first piece/egg. It works best to go from the middle of the project out to the sides to avoid air bubbles.
9. Trim the excess contact paper off of your project.
10. Hang up on a sunny window.

**Related Crafts**

This recipe was found at <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/easter/easter-egg-sun-catcher.asp>

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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2019 Upcoming Events

Holiday Closings**May**

28th – Memorial Day

SWCD Board Meetings

April 15th – 9:00am

May 20th – 9:00am

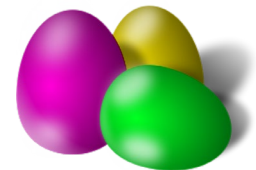
June 17th – 9:00am

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



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***Happy Holidays to you
from the Staff!***

Earth Day

