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Date Set for 2019 Annual Customer Appreciation Day

Mark your calendars for Friday, March 8th for the Annual Customer Appreciation Day Luncheon to be held at Barton Campus from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

This year marks 52 years of conservation efforts put forth by the Grundy County Soil & Water District

The District hold 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.

Election Polls will be open 8:00 am – 2:00 pm at Barton Campus.

Smithfield – Milan Environmental Team Hosts Environmental Day

The 12th Annual Environmental Day was held at a local county school on Friday, October 25th. 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.

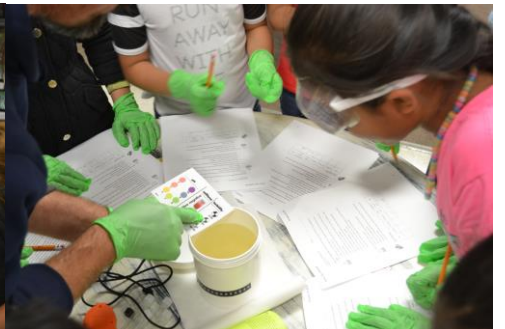
When testing is complete students are treated with a variety of pizza, chips and pop. All aluminum cans are recycled where students crush their own cans using the can crusher.

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

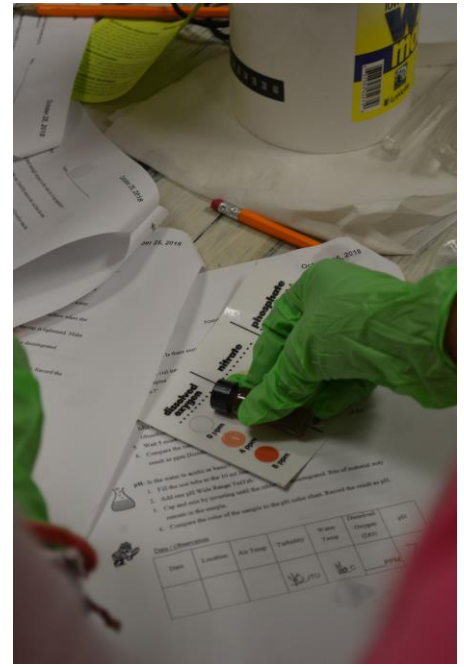
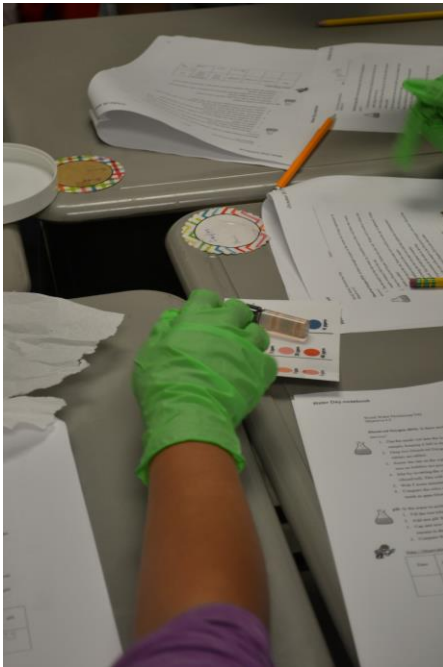
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Environmental Day Pics



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NW Regional Envirothon Teams State Bound May 2nd

It is always an adventure at Hartell Conservation Area for our Regional Envirothon Competition. The students, teachers and volunteers get to enjoy a variety of flavors of milk from Shatto!

This year the event was held on Thursday, November 1st and we had great weather for the event. Teams participating this year were: Norborne A, Norborne B, Norborne C, North Mercer, South Nodaway & Plattsburg.

The top resource scores this year was: Forestry – Norborne A, Wildlife – Norborne C, Aquatics – North Mercer, Soils – South Nodaway, Current Issue – Plattsburg and Oral Presentation – North Mercer.

Advancing to State Competition

1st Place – Norborne A

2nd Place – North Mercer

3rd Place – Norborne C

Thank you to our Local Soil & Water Conservation Districts, MDC, Smithfield Milan, Smithfield Hog Production, NRCS, Missouri Master Naturalists, and District Employees for your time as volunteers. We could not pull off this event with your service and dedication to the Envirothon.

Thank you to Smithfield Hog Production for sponsoring the event with t-shirts and bottled water for our competition day!

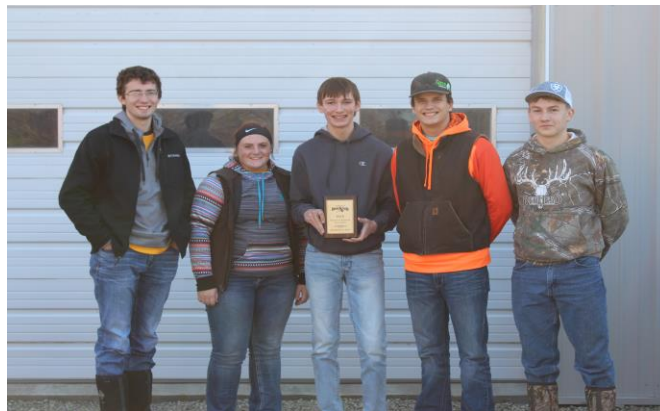
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Northwest Regional Envirothon Competition Pics

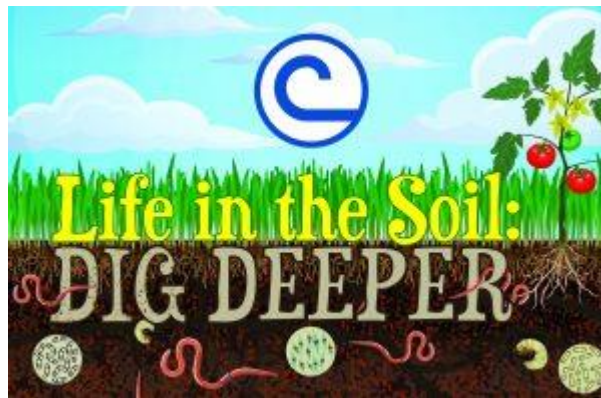


Northwest Regional Envirothon Competition Pics



Poster Contest & Stewardship Week Theme

2019: LIFE IN THE SOIL: DIG DEEPER



The NACD Stewardship and Education Committee is pleased to announce the 2019 Poster Contest and Stewardship Week theme: **“Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper.”**

Soil is a dirty topic, but everyone needs to learn more about it! Soil is the foundation for many of the items we use in our daily life, such as food, clothing, clean water, homes and more. Healthy soil equals healthy food, which equals a healthy you. Don't treat your soil like dirt!

Kids Corner – Tissue Paper Rainbow & Pot of Gold Craft

St. Patrick's Day is the perfect time to learn about the colors of the rainbow. This tissue paper rainbow craft is a great way to teach this concept! Children roll and glue each color of the rainbow to a cardstock rainbow. This project is best done as a two day activity for children age four and older.

What you'll need:

- Black and green construction paper
- [Template](#)
- Tissue paper in these colors: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Purple
- Template of rainbow
- White cardstock
- Scissors
- Marker
- Glue
- Black construction paper
- Cotton Balls
- Gold glitter

How to make this craft

- Trace the rainbow template onto the white cardstock and cut it out.
- Roll each piece of tissue paper and glue onto the cardstock. Complete each row at a time. Start with red at the top and follow with orange, yellow, green, blue and finish with purple.
- Glue a few cotton balls on one end of the rainbow to make clouds.
- Trace the pot of gold template onto the black paper. Cut this out and glue to the other end of the rainbow. Glue some gold glitter on the top of the pot.



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

January

21st – Martin Luther King Day

February

18th – President's Day

EVENTS

March 8th

Annual Customer Appreciation Day Luncheon
Barton Campus

SWCD Board Meetings

January 22nd – 9:00am

February 19th – 9:00am

March 8th – 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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