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# State Women In Agriculture Conference Set for St. Charles



Mark your calendars for September 16 – 18 for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual State Women In Agriculture Conference at Embassy Suites in St Charles.

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Call Embassy at 1-800-EMBASSY and mention Group Code: MWA to book your room. Room pricing is \$133.00 plus applicable tax per night.

### This year's theme...Silver Rush

Monday will kick off with registration and vendors, opening session, lunch in the Atrium and workshops and Murder Mystery banquet. The hospitality room/silent auction will be open after the banquet.

Tuesday venue will begin with a complimentary breakfast then ladies will board buses to tour Tree House of Greater St. Louis and Forrest Keeling, lunch will be provided. Later that evening you can enjoy a Trolley Ride thru Downtown St Charles, supper on your own and the hospitality room/silent auction will be open until 10pm.

Wednesday morning will start with Fake Meat presentation and close with Carey Portell and passing of the torch to Northwest.

Registration is \$80 per person and several apparel items will be offered on a pre-order status <sup>(2)</sup>

# 2019 Grundy County Poster Contest Winners



4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trinity Barrer, Rissler



4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Adylene Lopez, Rissler



4<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Emma Gifford, Rissler



5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Andee Lotz, TMS



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Astrid Soriano, R-6



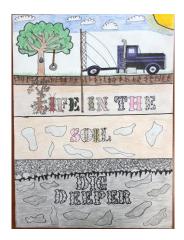
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Laylah Clause, TMS



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Abbye Johnson, R-6



 $5^{th}$  Grade  $- 3^{rd}$  Place Myles Griffin, TMS



6<sup>th</sup> Grade – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tyler Dixon, R-6

Honorable Mentions to advance to State Competition: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Sadie Tobias-TMS, Kennedy Schneiderheinze-Spickard & Adysan Rains-Grundy R-5 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kinsley Allnutt-R-6 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jazzmyne Lewis-Rissler & Audrey Coffman-Grundy R-5

# 2019 State Envirothon

The 2019 State Envirothon Competition was held at Lincoln University Carver Farm in Jefferson City on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ballard, Central A, Central B, Lafayette, Lindberg, McKinley, Norborne A, Norborne B, North Mercer, North Shelby, Parkway North, Pembroke, Sacred Heart, Smith Cotton A, Smith Cotton B, and Stockton made up the 16 teams that were eligible to compete this year.

This is a great venue to host state competition. The top 3 teams are listed below:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Smith Cotton B
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Pembroke Hill
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Central High A

The Envirothon is an amazing program for the youth of our communities. To find out more about the Envirothon you can visit the links below:

Grundy County website: <u>https://mosoilandwater.land/grundy/local-projects/envirothon</u>

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

National website: <u>https://www.envirothon.org/</u>

Pictures courtesy of Theresa Strunk





### History of Women In Agriculture Conferences

I The first State Women In Ag Conference was held in 1995. The 5 regions in Missouri (Northwest, Southwest, Central, Northeast & Southeast) host the State Conference on a rotational schedule. Women have been to Hannibal, St Joe, Columbia, Springfield, Cape Girardeau, Blue Springs, Jefferson City, St Louis, Joplin, Kirksville, Branson, Boonville, Chillicothe, Farmington & Excelsior Springs. Every year each venue offers interesting and useful workshops, hospitality room and silent auction and a banquet with entertainment. Speakers are present during opening sessions and closing sessions. Tuesday's are the tour day where ladies get to experience the area and see what types of agriculture, agribusiness, state parks and see areas that are the focal point of the region. This is a great way to learn more on all avenues and types of agriculture, business of farm records and personal, home décor using the outdoors, health, mind and wellness. The Women In Ag Conferences are designed to benefit all women from all walks of life and even Men too. Typically the State Conference is held in September and is a 3 day event.

There is a Regional Women In Ag Conference held in Marshall every March that is a 1 day event. The Mid-Mo Women In Ag is held every March/April in California, Mo and is a 1 day event. The OMG AgriPride Women In Ag is held every August/September in Owensville, Mo and is an evening event. There are several counties that host a Women In Ag Meeting/Event, you would need to check with your County.

> Like Women In Agriculture on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/WomenInAgriculture

# Kids Corner – Craft Patriotic Fingerprint Flag Card

Kids will love dipping their hands in stamp pads to make this adorable American flag, while parents will cherish the small fingerprints forever. Through this craft, children will learn to identify some of the characteristics of the American Flag, including the colors of the flag and the placement of the stripes and stars. Send this patriotic card to a neighbor or loved one to brighten their Fourth of July, or use it as a simple centerpiece for your picnic table.

#### What you'll need:

- red stamp pad
- blue stamp pad
- white card stock
- envelope (optional)
- black marker
- wipes

#### How to make your Patriotic Fingerprint Flag Card:

- Using the red stamp pad, press your index finger into the stamp pad. Place your fingerprint sideways, along the bottom of the card. Repeat along the entire bottom of the card to form a red stripe. (see photo)
- Skip a 1/2 inch, and create another red stripe across the width of the card. Move your finger up another 1/2 inch and create a third red stripe across the card. (see photo)
- Continue forming red stripes 1/2 inch apart, but indent 1/3 of the page, to leave room for the blue portion of the flag. Create two of these red, shorter stripes.
- Using the wipes, clean red ink off your index finger. Place the top on the red stamp pad so that it does not dry out.
- Once your finger is clean, place your index finger in the blue stamp pad. In the blank white space left, create a box outline with the blue ink on your finger. Then, randomly stamp spots with the blue ink, leaving enough white spaces as stars on the flag. (see photo)
- Once the blue portion is completed, wipe the blue ink off your finger and return the top to the blue stamp pad.
- Finally, take the black marker, and on the inside of the card, write "Happy Fourth of July!"
- Write a brief note and leave the card in a neighbor's mailbox or mail to a friend!



#### 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. <u>Non-Discrimination Statement</u>

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### 2017 Upcoming Events

#### Holiday Closings

July

4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

#### September

2<sup>nd</sup> – Labor Day

#### **EVENTS**

September 16 - 18 State WIA Conference Embassy Suites St. Charles, Mo



July 15<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am August 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am September 16<sup>th</sup> – 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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