

# Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 9—Prescribed Burn Workshop  
at Linn Fire Station. Must register by  
February 5th

February 13—SWCD Board Meeting at  
SWCD office at 5:30 pm

February 19—**Office Closed** for  
Presidents Day

February 28—Deadline for District  
Contests

March 12—**Office Closed** for 2018  
Forage & Beef Conference at Cuba. Must  
register by February 23rd

March 16—Deadline to register for  
Annual Meeting

April 3—Maries County SWCD Annual  
Meeting and Dinner @ 6PM Must RSVP by  
March 16th

May 23 & 24—Grazing School @ Owens-  
ville VFW Hall. Must register by May 11th

## *You Are Cordially Invited...*

*Please join us for the 40th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District on April 3rd at 6:00 PM. It will be held at the Visitation Knights of Columbus Hall, Highway 63 and 6th Street in Vienna. The evening will include the awarding of the prizes for the district's Photo, Poster and Essay Contests.*

*We hope you plan on joining us!!!*

***RSVPs are required by March 16th by calling 573-422-3342.***

## 2018 Forage & Beef Conference

March 12, 2018 will mark the 25th year of providing information to livestock and forage producers at the Forage & Beef Conference. The Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts and University Extension from Phelps, Crawford, Dent, Maries and Gasconade Counties are once again planning for another successful conference for area landowners. Registration starts at 12:30 pm and the first speaker at 1:00 pm.

The complete agenda can

be found on the back page of the newsletter. Local vendors will have displays highlighting their agricultural products. The registration fee for the conference is \$10.00 per person which includes an evening meal. If you are unable to attend at the start of the program, you should feel free to join at any time during the conference.

Reservations should be made before February 23rd by calling the Crawford County SWCD office at 1-800-364-8732 Ext. 3 or 573-364-6202 Ext. 3.

## **Reservation Deadline is February 23rd!**

## *Congratulations Amy!*



At the 2017 Missouri Soil & Water Conservation Districts Employees Association Annual Meeting, Amy Neier was presented with the Area 7 Employee Award.

She has been employed with the district for over ten years and is very knowledgeable of both NRCS and SWCD programs. She was on the committee for the 2017 MO Women in Ag Conference, and helps with the local district grassland contest and the safety days. She also serves as a producer member on the MFGC board.

## “Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home” Theme Of 2018 Contests

**Deadline to enter contests is February 28th.**

It's that time of the year again for students to enter the annual poster and essay contests sponsored by the Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District. The theme for both of this year's contests is "Watersheds: Our Water, Our Home". Posters and essays should highlight that a watershed is land that sheds water and that the way we treat the land in our watersheds and our daily habits can have a big impact on the water that we drink.

Information and rules on both contests were distributed

to the Maries County Schools. The complete rules are also available at the district office.

The poster contest is open to 3rd to 6th grade students and the essay contest is available to 7th through 12 grade. Students must be enrolled in a Maries County School or home-schooled within the county.

A student may enter a poster or essay directly to the district office. Only one entry per student.

Cash awards, donated by the Maries County Bank, will be given to the top winners.

Both contests will end on February 28th. The posters and essays are due in the Soil & Water office by the close of business on that date. The office is located at 105 Parkway Vienna. Any questions, call the office at 573-422-3342.



## Trees Available For Order Now

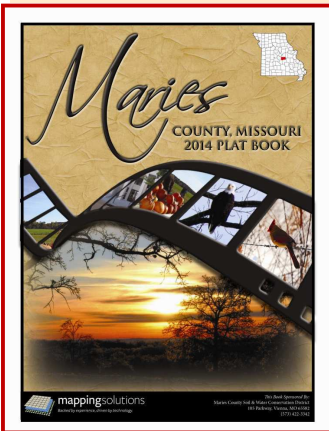
The Missouri Department of Conservation George O. White State Forest Nursery is now accepting orders for tree seedlings and shrubs. Landowners can pick from a variety of species for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, as well as wildlife food and

cover.

For a recorded message concerning possible shipping delays and the kinds of trees still available, call 1-800-392-3111. Order forms are available online by going to <https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-seedlings>.

### Order Trees Online

<https://mdc.mo.gov/trees-plants/tree-seedlings>.



**There are a limited number of 2014 Maries County Plat Books and Maps left. Get yours before they are gone!!! Contact the district office at 573-422-3342.**

## It's Photo Contest Time!

The District is once again accepting entries in the 2018 Photo Contest from citizens of Maries County. This is the fifteenth year for the event. Photographs must be taken in Maries County, Missouri and should be entered in the appropriate category and division.

The contest is divided into two Divisions: **Youth** (up to and including high school seniors) and **Adult** (any adult residing or owning land in Maries County). Each photo can only be judged in one category: Trees/Plants/Landscapes.; Wildlife; or Farming in Maries County

Entries should follow these guidelines when entering:

⇒The contest is open to amateur photographers and each participant may enter up to, but no more than five photos. **Entries will not be returned.**

⇒Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable. **Photos must be no larger than 8x10 and they are not to be framed and/or matted.**

⇒The following information must be attached to the back of each photo. Include: **A. Photographer's name, address and**

**phone number, B. Division and Category entered, C. Title of photograph, D. Subject Names, E. Location, F. Year of photo.**

All entries become the property of the Maries SWCD, Previous entries will not be judged for the 2018 contest. There will be one winner in each of the three categories in each division. County winners will receive \$25 Cash and a framed print

All entries must be postmarked or delivered to the office by February 28th to: Maries SWCD, 105 Parkway, Vienna, MO 65582.

# News Briefs

## Grazing School

Gasconade County will be hosting the 2018 Grazing School at the Owensville VFW Hall on May 23 and 24. The school is a requirement to receive State Cost-Share Assistance for any of the Grazing Management Programs.

The school is limited to 30 participants. All applicants must be registered and paid by May 11th.

If you are interested in this school or to get more information on other schools in the state, please contact us at 573-422-3342.

## Cost-Share Sign-Up

The district is taking sign-ups for their cost-share program where land-owners can receive a per acre incentive or up to 75% of the state average cost to implement certain practices. Some of the programs include:

- Pest Management (Spraying noxious plants/weeds)
- Pasture Establishment or Improvement (seed, fertilizer, lime - soil test required)
- Woodland/Pond Fencing
- Well Decommissioning, Spring Development, Streambank Stabilization, Streambank Protection
- Grazing Management - water source & distribution, cross fencing

**Call or stop by the office to sign up!**

### ECHO Blower for Sale By Sealed Bid

The district has a 1991 ECHO Blower Model PE 400 for sale. It is sold as-is and may be seen at the office during office hours. Bids should be sealed in an envelope with the words SEALED BID on the outside and mailed or brought to Maries County SWCD, 105 Parkway, Vienna, MO 65582 by Feb. 12, 2018.

The board reserves the right to reject all bids.



## FSA Updates

### FARM STORAGE FACILITY LOAN PROGRAM (FSFL) HAS EXPANDED OPTIONS:

- FSFL expanded program now allows producers to obtain a low-interest loan for new or used equipment, in addition to previously allowed hay barns or grain bins. Examples of items now eligible for loan are: bale beds, grain trucks, grain trailers, hay trailer, skid steer, grain auger, hay wrapper, grain cart, gravity wagon, grain vac, round hay bale gripper, portable grain dryer, and pup trailers.
- 3, 5, 7, 10 or 12 year notes available up to \$500,000. Loan amounts less than \$50,000 only require 5% down payment.
- January Fixed Interest Rates:
  - 3 Years: 1.875%
  - 5 Years: 2.125%
  - 7 Years: 2.250%
  - 10 Years: 2.375%
  - 12 Years: 2.375%

### ANNUAL CROP REPORTING DEADLINES:

- **2018** grapes/apples/peaches must be reported by **January 15, 2018**
- **2018** spring oats & potatoes must be reported by **May 15, 2018**
- **2018** spring-seeded grains and CRP must be reported by **July 15, 2018**
- **2019** hay and pasture acres must be reported by **November 15, 2018**
- **2019** Fall barley, wheat and other fall seeded small grains must be reported by **December 15, 2018**

### Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) & Price Loss Coverage (PLC):

- ARC/PLC is a financial safety net program that comes into effect when there are substantial drops in crop prices or revenues. Annual contract signing for 2018 began on December 1, 2017, and will continue until August 1, 2018. Producers who do not sign an annual contract will lose possibility of a payment for that year. Call the FSA office to check on the status of your contract.

### NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (NAP)

#### March 15, 2018 is the deadline to purchase hay or pasture policies for 2018!

- Provides insurance coverage to producers who produce agricultural commodities that are not covered through standard crop insurance agencies.
- Provides financial assistance when a natural disaster occurs and causes lower yields, crop losses, or completely prevents the planting of crops.
- Some crops that may be eligible include fruits and vegetables, mushrooms, floriculture, forage, grapes, and grazing crops, aquaculture, ginseng, honey, syrup, and industrial crops.
- Traditionally Underserved and Beginning Farmers qualify for free CAT coverage, and 50% discounted buy-up coverage.





**Maries County Soil & Water  
Conservation District**

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**2018  
Forage and Beef Conference**  
Monday, March 12, 2018

Cuba, Missouri  
Knights of Columbus  
I-44 East – Hwy. UU Exit

- 12:30 - Registration/Trade Show
- 1:00 - Cost Share Opportunities – NRCS, SWCD & MDC
- 1:45 - Lease Agreements – Wesley Tucker, Agriculture Business Specialist, University Missouri Extension, Polk County
- 2:30 - BREAK
- 3:00 - Cow/Calf Mineral Nutrition – Dr. Eric Bailey, Assistant Professor, State Beef Extension Specialist – University Missouri Columbia
- 3:45 - BREAK
- 4:15 - Producer Panel – Grass Fed Marketing  
Matt & Jessica Hardecke  
Chris Boeckmann
- 5:15 - "Custom Grazing The Good, The Bad, & The Ugly" – Dr. Jason Salchow, Missouri State, College of Agriculture



Dr. Jason Salchow, his wife, Sharon, and five children live on Terrell Creek in Christian County, Missouri. His children are the fifth generation to live on this creek. His goal from an early age has been to make a living on these hills. This goal has lead him to attempt numerous crazy schemes; such as guided rabbit hunts, Guernsey cow breeding, veterinary school, and custom grazing, just to name a few. He has a tendency to gravitate to the contrarian approach to most problems. This behavior has flourished in the last sixteen years due to the end of his formal education.

His grazing operation provides custom grazing services to multiple clients, but he also utilizes the services of other custom graziers. Being on both sides of the transaction gives him a unique perspective on the many ways to screw this up. He is only qualified to speak on this topic because of the large number of mistakes that he has made. He is made aware of these mistakes very quickly by his book keeper who keeps her office in the residence. This loving feedback allows for evaluation and change of direction in a timely manner.

6:30 - Dinner

RSVP by February 23, 2018 to the Crawford County Soil and Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732, ext. 3, or 573-364-6202, ext. 3.

**\*\*There is a \$10.00 per person charge for the conference – payable at the door.\*\***



The Missouri Department of Conservation and the Osage County Natural Resource Conservation Service invites you to a free workshop



**Prescribed Burn Workshop for Landowners**  
Friday, February 9th 2018  
9 AM – 3 PM @

**Linn Fire Protection District Station 1**  
210 West Main  
Linn, MO 65051

**Workshop Topics:**

- \*Proper methods and techniques used for implementing control burns.
- \*Burn equipment, how it is used and availability.
- \*Developing burn plans.

**Demonstration Burn: (If weather conditions are suitable)**

A demo burn will follow classroom session on a local woodland.  
Be sure to wear jeans and close toed boots.

**Brown bag lunch will be provided for registered participants.**

**Register by February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**For Reservations:**

Seth Barrioz (573) 897-3797 ext. 116 (MDC Private Land Conservationist)

**Directions:** From Jefferson City, take Hwy 50 east to Linn. The fire house is up the hill from the McDonalds and just before Hwy U on the left. From Drake take Hwy 50 west to Linn and pass through town. Immediately after you pass Hwy U on your left, the fire house will be on your right hand side.