



# Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District

## Newsletter

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### District Finishes Cost-Share Year Strong Despite The Office Being Closed To The Public

The SWCD staff continued to work through the COVID-19 Stay At Home Order from late March to late June. The board of supervisors arranged for their employees to maintain their work schedule with Sandy Burd in the office and Amy Neier working remotely from home. Despite a few challenges processing the end of the year payments, they report another busy year assisting Maries County landowners with the Cost-Share Program. In Fiscal Year 2020 which ended June 30th, 171 contracts were approved, 59 change orders were processed and 154 contracts were paid to Maries County landowners for a total of \$321,126.18.

The contracts completed this past fiscal year included:

DSL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment	10—\$ 19,782.73
DSL-2 Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement	10—\$ 13,424.63
DWC-1 Water Impoundment Reservoir	2—\$ 21,329.97
DWP-1 Sediment Retention Control Structure	1—\$ 6,673.88
DWP-3 Sod Waterway	1—\$ 1,540.87
DSP 3.1 Grazing System Well	1—\$ 3,135.00
DSP 3.2 Grazing System Water Distribution	15—\$ 84,849.54
DSP 3.3 Grazing System Fence	12—\$ 32,391.61
DSP 3.4 Grazing System Lime	13—\$ 29,299.97
DSP 3.5 Grazing System Seed	6—\$ 5,432.68
N472 Livestock Exclusion Fence	11—\$ 48,418.18
N595 Pest Management	71—\$ 40,317.00
WQ10 Stream Protection	1—\$ 14,530.12

Interested landowners can contact the district office at 573-422-3342 to learn about the programs listed above and the other practices also offered. You can also stop by the office Monday to Friday 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

#### District Board of Supervisors

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#### District Personnel

Sandy Burd, District Specialist  
Amy Neier, District Specialist  
April Aholt, Shared Technician

#### Assisting The District

Gary Applegate, District Conservationist  
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Ed Gillmore, Soil Conservationist  
Megan Rudroff, Soil Conservationist  
D. J. Schroeder, Soil Conservation Tech  
Seth Barrioz, Private Lands  
Aaron Holsapple, Resource Forester  
Scott Williams, Fisheries Biologist

#### Important Dates

- 08/20 Maries County SWCD Board Meeting @ SWCD office 5:30 PM
- 09/07 **Office Closed**-Labor Day
- 09/21-23 **Office Closed** for Missouri Women in Agriculture Conference
- 10/12 **Office Closed**-Columbus Day
- 11/11 **Office Closed**-Veterans Day- *Thank you to all our retired and active military for your service to our county.* 
- 11/26 **Office Closed**-Thanksgiving Day
- 11/30-12/2 **Tentative Office Closed** for Annual Training Conference

### Employee News



Sandy and Howie Burd

#### Congratulations!

Wedding bells were ringing this summer for two of our district employees.

Sandy Stratman and Howie Burd were married at their home in western Maries County on June 20th followed by a reception.



April and Nathan Aholt

April Dudenhoeffer and Nathan Aholt were married on August 1st at the Community Christian Church followed by a reception at the White Mule Winery.

We wish both couples all the very best and may you be blessed with many years of happiness!

If you want to receive the newsletter by email and help us save printing and mailing costs, email Sandy at [sandy.burd@swcd.mo.gov](mailto:sandy.burd@swcd.mo.gov) or call 573-422-3342

#### Sign Up NOW!!!

Do you have some pastures that need help? Then bring us a soil test and sign up for one of our seeding programs. A farm visit is also required to see if you qualify for up to 75% reimbursement.

## What Did You Miss At Our Annual Meeting?

With the cancellation of our Annual Meeting this year, we weren't able to personally give out our awards for our yearly Poster, Essay and Photo Contests. The students all put in a lot of work in their posters and essays and it was another tough decision on picking our winners.

### Poster Contest

3rd Grade: 1st—Jake Rowden, 2nd—Paxton Jeremy, 3rd—Claire Canuto  
4th Grade: 1st—Ethan Kloeppe, 2nd—Faith Carmody, 3rd—John Tappel  
5th Grade: 1st—Gage Curtis, 2—Izzabella Duncan, 3rd—Chase Weeks  
6th Grade: 1st—Morgan Murphy, 2—Reid Nichols, 3rd—Lauren Libbert  
Grand Prize Overall Poster Winner—Morgan Murphy

### Essay Contest

7th & 8th Grade Division: 1st—Eva Hollis, 2nd—Dalton Breeding, 3rd—Eli Hayes  
9th & 10th Grade Division: 1st—Mason Thomas, 2nd—Derrick Pippert, 3rd—Molly Busch

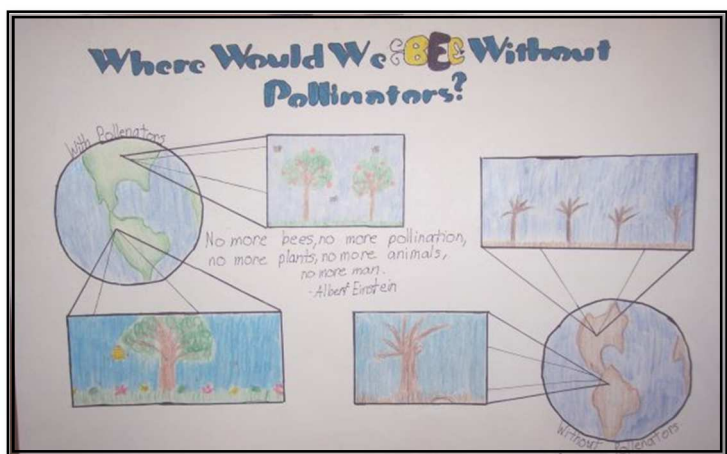
### Photo Contest

Youth: Farming in Maries County—Lauren Rowden, Trees/Plants/Landscapes—Jake Rowden  
Adult: Farming in Maries County—Sarah Rowden, Trees/Plants/Landscapes—Robert Pickering, Wildlife—Marietta Brune

This year 55 entries were submitted in the Poster Contest, 18 entries were sent in for the Essay Contest and 33 pictures were entered in the Photo Contest.

*Thank you to the Maries County Bank for donating all the prize money for the contests.*

**Congratulations to  
all our winners!**



**Grand Prize Poster by Morgan Murphy**

# Cancelled

In case you missed the announcement, the OMG (Osage Maries Gasconade) Women in Agriculture event that is normally held at the White Mule Winery in September was cancelled for this year. The committee felt that it was best for all those that would be attending.

*We hope to see you all next year!*

## Photo Contest Reminder

It's not too early to be thinking of what pictures you want to enter into the 2021 Photo Contest. With autumn right around the corner, there could be some fall foliage that you just have to take a picture of or what about a momma cow and her newborn calf. It could be your fall pumpkin crop or field of grain. If you enter and win, you could take home \$25 and also have a chance to be selected the People's Choice winner at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The contest is divided into two Divisions: Youth (up to and including high school seniors) and Adult (residing or owning land in Maries County). They will be judged in only one Category: Trees/Plants/Landscapes; Wildlife; or Farming in Maries County.

- Photos must be taken in Maries County.
- Each participant may enter five photographs no larger than 8x10. Photos will not be returned.
- All entries become the property of the Maries County SWCD. Entrants should keep extra prints of their photographs. Previous entries will not be judged for the 2021 contest.

Judges will select one winner in each of the three categories in each division. For complete rules and guidelines, contact the district office at 573-422-3342.

*Deadline to enter is March 1, 2021.*

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