



# MARIES COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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*You Are Cordially Invited...*

*Please join us for the 42nd Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District on March 24 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.*

## District Poster & Essay Contests Ends March 6th

This year's theme for the annual poster and essay contests is **"Where Would We Bee Without Pollinators"**. The event is sponsored by the Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District. Posters and essays should highlight that pollinators form the foundations of a healthy and sustainable future for food and the environment. However in recent years, they have shown concerning signs of decline. The entries should show how it's important that we work to help them prosper by enhancing native pollinator habitats and protecting against pollinator declines.

Any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 3rd through 6th grades of any Maries County school or home-schooled in Maries County may participate in the **Poster Contest**. Posters should be on poster board measuring 14" x 22". Only one individual may work on a poster. The name of the student, address, school, grade and age must be listed on the back of the poster. Students are not required to be in an art class to enter a poster.

Each individual grade countywide will be judged together. From each grade, three posters will be chosen to win cash awards. Grade level prizes will be: 1st place - \$15, 2nd place - \$10 and 3rd place - \$5. From



these winners one entry will be declared the grand prize county winner and receive an additional cash award of \$50. The first place poster from each grade will be sent to state competition. All grade winners will be notified and invited to the District's Annual Meeting in March to receive their awards and to find out what prize they have one.

The district's **Essay Contest** is open to any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 7th through 12 grades of any Maries County Junior or High School. Essays should be 400 to 500 words in length. It should be double spaced typed or legibly handwritten. Sources of information must be listed. A separate sheet of paper with the student's name, address, grade, name of school and teacher's name should be stapled to the back of the essay. A student may also enter their essay directly to the district office. Only one essay per student is permitted.

The entries will be judged in three groups: 7th and 8th; 9th and 10th; and 11th and 12th. Awards will be given to the top three essays in each group. 1st prize will be \$50. 2nd prize will be \$25. 3rd prize will be \$15.

**All contests will end on March 6, 2020.** The posters and essays are due in the Soil and Water by the close of business on that date. The office is located at 105 Parkway in Vienna.

## New Briefs

### 2020 Grazing Schools

Maries County will be hosting the 2020 Tri-County Grazing School at the Vienna Eagles Club on May 4th to 6th. The school is a requirement to receive state cost-share assistance for any of the Grazing Management Programs. Reservations are required and payment is needed as space is limited to 30 participants. The cost is still to be determined.

Other schools in the region will be held near Rolla on April 22 to 24 and at the Wurdack Research Center near Cook Station on September 23 to 27. If you are interested in these schools or other schools in the state, please contact us at 573-422-3342.

### New Drill For Rent Coming in 2020

The Maries County SWCD board approved the purchase of a new Haybuster 10' drill that will be available for rent this spring. It will seed both warm and cool season grasses, legumes and small grain crops. One of the district's Great Plains drills will be put up for bid. Individuals interested in bidding should contact the office.

Rates and the minimum charge for renting this drill will be set at the February board meeting. Reservations for any of the district's drills can be made by calling the office at 573-422-3342.



### District Board of Supervisors

Jan Skouby, Chairman  
Rodney Southard, Vice-Chairman  
Justin Fagre, Treasurer  
Gatlin Bunton, Secretary  
Glen Rowden, Member

### District Personnel

Sandy Stratman, District Specialist  
Amy Neier, District Specialist  
April Dudenhoeffer, Shared Technician

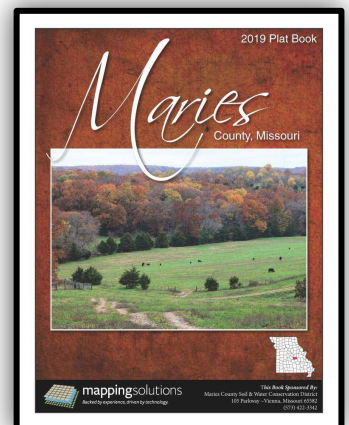
### Assisting The District

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

### Important Dates

- 02/06 Maries County SWCD Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM at district office
- 02/17 **Office Closed**—Presidents Day
- 03/02 **Office Closed**—Forage & Beef Conference at KC Hall, Cuba
- 03/06 Contests Deadline
- 03/16 RSVP Deadline for Annual Meeting
- 03/24 Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting at KC Hall, Vienna—**Must RSVP**
- 05/04-06 Grazing School at Vienna Eagles Club—**You Must Register To Attend**

### 2020 Forage & Beef Conference (Details on Page 2)



The latest edition of Plat Books and Maps are here! Books are \$30 and Wall Maps are \$35. Shipping is extra.

## Forage & Beef Conference Set For March 2nd At Knights Of Columbus Hall, Cuba - I-44 East – Hwy. UU Exit

- 12:00 - Registration/Trade Show  
12:30 - **Missouri Fence Law** - Wesley Tucker, MU Extension  
1:00 - **Goats on the Go** - Aaron Steele, Co-founder of Goats on the Go  
1:30 - Break  
2:00 - **Herbicide Impregnated Fertilizer: Is it Right for your Pasture?** - Gatlin Bunton, Agronomist, MU Extension  
2:30 - **Pasture Improvement with Grazing Management** - Drexel Atkisson, NRCS Soil Health Specialist  
3:30 - Break  
4:00 - **Market Outlook** - Kelly Smith, Farm Bureau  
4:45 - **Cost-Share Opportunities** - NRCS, SWCD, MDC  
5:15 - Break  
5:30 - **Producer Panel**

**Roger Bardot** - Roger Bardot, along with his wife Wendy, operate a diversified livestock operation in southeastern Franklin County. The primary focus of their farm is raising and finishing grass fed beef for direct market and farmer's market sales. Diverse forages are managed for rotational and mob grazing. In addition to the beef cattle, they raise woodlot hogs and utilize their grazing system to raise pastured poultry, including laying hens, broilers and turkeys.

**Dr. John Barnhart** - with JB Cattle Company of Maries County: Believing that superior genetics and performance are the cornerstone of a premium herd. Their objective has and always will be to produce the highest quality commercial beef possible.

6:30 - Dinner

RSVP by February 19th to Crawford County Soil & Water Conservation District at 1-800-364-8732 Ext. 3 or 573-364-6202 Ext. 3.



### It's Photo Contest Time!

It's now time to make your entries in the 2020 Photo Contest sponsored by the district. 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 of the following Categories: Trees/Plants/Landscapes; Wildlife; or Farming in Maries County.

Entries should follow these guidelines when entering:

- ◆ The contest is open to amateur photographers. Each participant may enter no more than five photographs. All photos must be taken in Maries County, Missouri. Photos will not be returned.
- ◆ Black-and-white prints and color prints are both acceptable. Photos cannot

be accepted via email and must be no larger than 8x10. They should not be framed and/or matted.

- ◆ The following information must be attached to the back of each photo. **A.** Photographer's name, address and phone number; **B.** Division and Category entered; **C.** Title of photograph; **D.** Subject Names (if people are in the photo); **E.** Location; **F.** Year photo was taken.

All entries become the property of the Maries County SWCD and Maries County SWCD reserves the non-exclusive right to use all photographs in publications, on the district's webpage, on display and/or for promotional purposes. Previous entries will not be judged for the 2020 contest.

Judges will select one county winner in each of the three categories in each division. Winning photos will be displayed at the Maries County SWCD 2020 Annual Meeting in March. Winners will receive \$25 and a framed print of their winning photo from the district. Honorable mentions will receive certificates. **All entries must be postmarked by March 6, 2020.**

### Cost-Share News

**N595 Pest Management** - The district is now taking applications for the N595 Pest Management cost-share program. This practice pays \$10 per acre up to a lifetime maximum of \$5,000 per landowner/operator. Landowners can spray themselves or by another individual or business. Chemicals can also be applied with their fertilizer. Approval of the cost-share contract and conservation plan **MUST** be approved by the board before any chemicals are applied. Deadline to sign-up is February 7th.

**Other Cost-Share Practices**—The district's grazing system practices are the most popular request for assistance but there are several others that you may qualify for and include the following:

- Pasture Establishment/Improvement
- Well Decommissioning, Spring Development, Streambank Stabilization, Streambank Protection
- Woodland/Pond Fencing

Sign up for these programs are ongoing throughout the year. Call or stop by!

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