



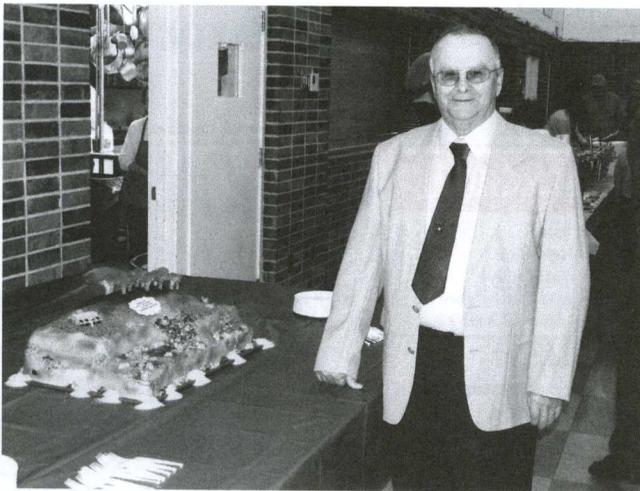
Franklin County Conservation District Newsletter



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RETIREES AFTER 32 YEARS



JOHN A. BUSCH

1982-1988: Board Member

1988-1998: Treasurer

1998-2014: Chairman

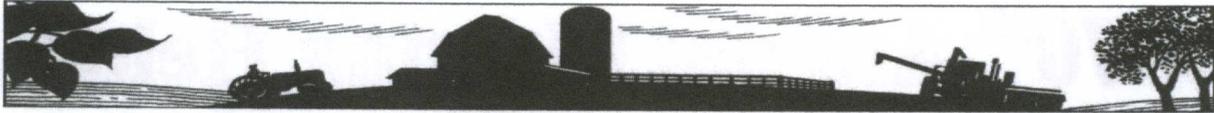
After 32 years on the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, District Supervisor John A. Busch decides to retire. John's devotion to the District has given him the title for the most years served on the District Board. He served 6 years as a Member, 10 years as a Treasurer and 16 years as the Chairman.

John has dedicated his life to protecting and saving our soil & water here in Franklin County. He has displayed this passion through his leadership in education to both adults and children. John is actively involved in promoting conservation just as Monsignor Hildner did years ago. John's farm is located within the Dubois Creek Watershed Project area that was used in 1935 to demonstrate how to prevent soil erosion by Monsignor Hildner and community members. Monsignor Hildner and a number of leaders across the State of Missouri donated much of their time and energy – just like John is doing today - to convince landowners, government officials and the public the most effective method of conservation and protection for our natural resources.



Thank you John for all you have done; you truly will be missed. Enjoy your retirement!

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State Cost Share



Sheet, rill and gully erosion is the unwanted removal of soil from the land surface or through gullies. Raindrops splashing and dislodging the soil can cause sheet and rill erosion and is best prevented by leaving ground cover on the soil. Gully erosion begins in slight depressions where concentrated runoff water from heavy storms tear at the soil and is prevented by a variety of grade stabilization structures. These structures help reduce the grade, or slope of the gully channel, to slow the water and reduce its energy. If you see problems like this on your farm, you could: establish a good vegetative cover to stabilize the soil; build terraces to reduce the erosive force of water; use a no-till system; build a pond to catch sediment; develop diversions to direct rainwater; and plant sod-forming grasses to efficiently transport rainfall. The most suitable practice to solve the erosion issues will be designed by office staff after a site visit. Construction *cannot* begin until after the District Board approves the contract.

The cost share program provides a 75% reimbursement of a computed State Average for the Sheet, Rill and Gully practices. All areas must be eroding above a tolerable rate or have active gully erosion before the following practices can be installed.

WATER IMPOUNDMENT RESERVOIR – constructing a wet basin to provide grade control; 10 year maintenance; \$10,000 cost share maximum per site.

SOD WATERWAY – seeding grass into a shape channel to control water runoff; 10 year maintenance.

TERRACE SYSTEM WITH OR WITHOUT TILE – constructing an earth embankment to control erosion; 10 year maintenance.

DIVERSION – constructing a structure to divert surface and subsurface runoff; 10 year maintenance.

SEDIMENT RETENTION OR WATER CONTROL STRUCTURE – constructing a basin, channel, chute or drop structure to control runoff; 10 year maintenance.

PERMANENT VEGETATIVE COVER SEEDINGS: ESTABLISHMENT, IMPROVEMENT, CRITICAL AREAS OR CONFINED

ANIMAL FEED LOTS – improving or seeding permanent vegetative cover; 5 year maintenance. (Confined Animal Feed Lots are 10 year maintenance with a \$500 maximum per acre and \$2,500 maximum per site.)

NO-TILL SYSTEMS – introducing no-till equipment into a farming operation for one year; \$15 per acre and maximum \$600 per year – 2 year limit.

CONTOUR BUFFER STRIPS – installing narrow strips of permanent vegetative cover around the hill slope and alternating with cropland; 5 year maintenance; \$800 maximum per acre planted.

CONTOUR STRIP CROPPING – installing crops in a systematic arrangement on the contour of the field slope for one year; \$15 per acre per year.



September 3 & 4, Franklin County will hold a Grazing School in Union. This is a State requirement if you wish to install an intensive rotational grazing system. For full details, call office at 636-583-2303 ext 3.

Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District FY15 Cost Share Allocation

<u>Resource Concern</u>	<u>Dollar Amount</u>
Animal Waste	\$ 25,000.00
Grazing Management	\$ 15,000.00
Nutrient & Pest	\$ 6,250.00
Sensitive Areas	\$ 23,037.00
Sheet, Rill, & Gully	\$ 69,828.00
Woodland Erosion	\$ 15,000.00
Total:	\$154,115.00

70th Annual Meeting Held



The Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District celebrated its 70th anniversary with a meeting at the Union Knights of Columbus Hall on March 20, 2014.

Approximately 130 cooperators and poster contest winners attended the event.

Supervisor Matt Herring led the pledge and gave the invocation.

The master of ceremony for the evening was Supervisor John A. Busch. A catered dinner was served.

The evening was in honor of John A. Busch who retired after 32 years of dedicated service to the Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District. John was presented with a service plaque, Resolution from the Senator's office, words from Missouri DNR office and Franklin County Commissioners and a large cake for all to enjoy.

Supervisor John A. Busch and Supervisor Dan Brunjes presented the 15 county poster contest winners with plaques. The poster winners were selected from a total of 360 posters from 10 participating schools. Students from grades four through eight were eligible.

Outstanding Farmer awards were presented to the four area award winners of the district by Supervisors Bernard Laune and Carl Danz.

Supervisor Elections were held for Area II and IV; election results were Area II John Helling and Area IV Bernard Laune.

Attendance prizes were donated by local businesses.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Daniel Brunjes, Chairman
Bernard Laune, Vice Chairman
Carl Danz, Treasurer
Matthew Herring, Secretary
John Helling, Member

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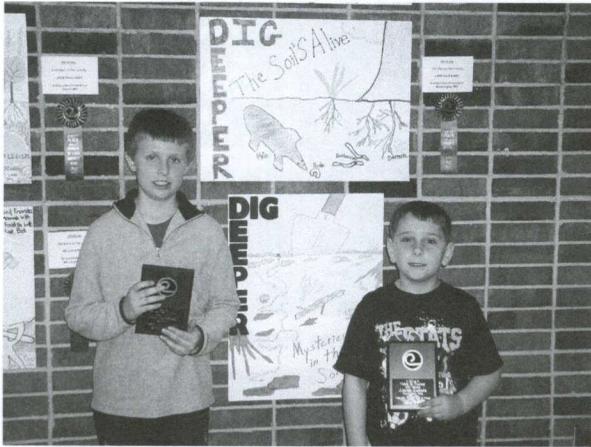
The Franklin County Conservation District was organized in 1944 with a primary objective to solve soil and water conservation problems. The District, upon request, aids in planning and applying appropriate land use and conservation treatment measures.

OFFICE STAFF PERSONNEL

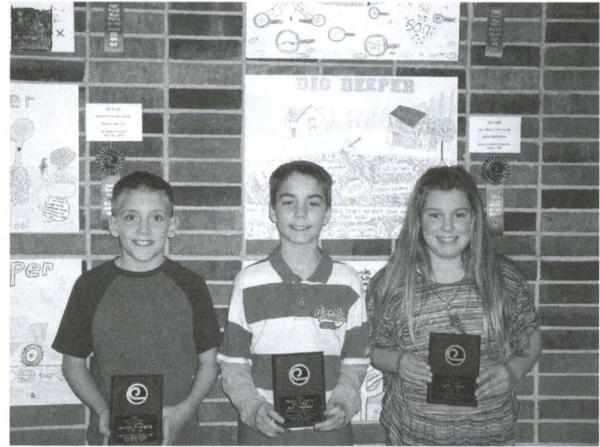
Lori Nowak, District Clerk, FCSWCD
Stephen Sparks, District Technician, FCSWCD

Rhonda Davault, District Conservationist, NRCS
Kervin Bryant, Soil Conservationist, NRCS
Teresa Morris, Soil Conservationist, NRCS
Jerry Busch, Area Soil Technician, NRCS

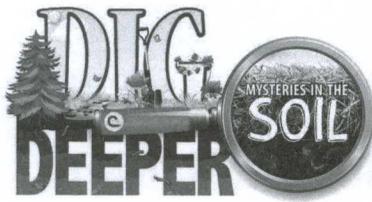
Lia Heppermann, Private Land Conservationist, MDC
Ryan Diener, Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist



4th grade (from left) Luke Kleekamp, Campbellton Elementary, 2nd place; Austin Dodson, Washington West, 3rd place; not pictured Olivia Berariu, Clearview Elementary, 1st place

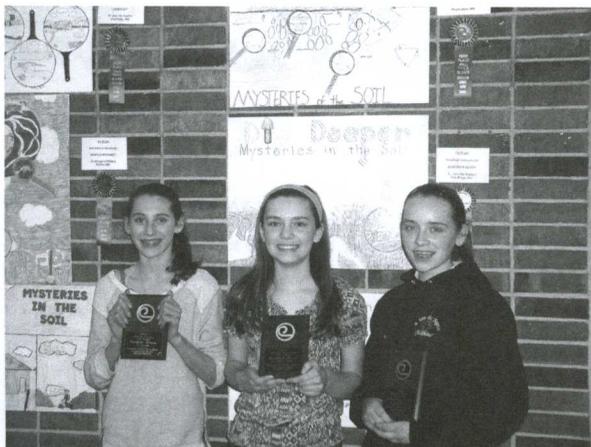


5th grade (from left) Landon Kleekamp, St. Gertrude, 1st place; Jack Wagner, Immaculate Conception, 2nd place; and Hollie Apprill, St. Gertrude, 3rd place



6th grade (from left) Mari Woodfin, St. Bridget of Kildare, 1st place and Andrew Huellinghoff, St. Clare Catholic, 3rd place; not pictured Grace Kelley, St. Clare Catholic, 2nd place

2014 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS



7th grade (from left) Caroline Mitana, St. Gertrude, 1st place; Elizabeth Busch, St. John the Baptist, 2nd place; and Emma Rose Ploch, St. John the Baptist, 3rd place



8th grade (from left) Caleb Ley, St. John the Baptist, 1st place and Andrew Simily, St. John the Baptist, 3rd place; not pictured Mikayla McKinney, St. Bridget of Kildare, 2nd place

OUTSTANDING FARMER WINNERS

Supervisor Carl Danz presented plaques
Area I – Red Fox Farm; not present for photo



Area II – Brueggeman Brothers- Herb & Jim



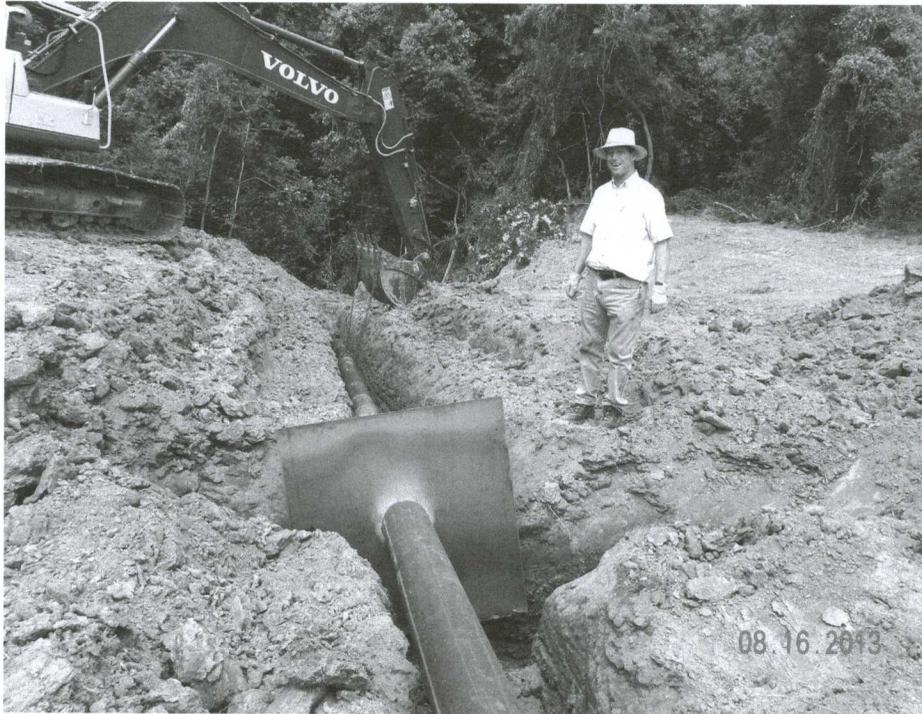
Area III – Michael & Cindy Kleekamp



Area IV – Koch Valley Farm- Mark & Caroline

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Area I – Red Fox Farm



Our Area I Outstanding Farmer award goes to Red Fox Farm in Labadie. Ed Elzemeyer and his wife bought the farm from family members in 2005.

This farm was originally purchased by Ed's parents in the 1960s. Over half the farm is woodland but crops are planted also. Corn, soybeans and wheat are rotated in the crop fields and hay is harvested from the grassland.

Through the years, Ed noticed the farm was experiencing soil erosion along the crop fields. He had tried several different tactics but nothing was working to slow down the erosion. Ed contacted the district for assistance on how to protect the farm from further erosion. Through the State Cost Share Program, Ed installed a waterway and a dry hole structure. These practices will save approximately 85 tons of soil a year.

Ed, his wife, 4 children and 8 grandchildren all enjoy being at the farm. With Ed's determination to protect the farm's natural resources, the farm will prosper for years to come.

Keep up the good conservation work and congratulations to Red Fox Farm!



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COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, June 10, 2014 Friday, July 4, 2014
SWCD Regular Board Meeting USDA Service Center closed
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center Independence Day Holiday

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 Tuesday, August 12, 2014
SWCD Regular Board Meeting SWCD Regular Board Meeting
8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center 8:00 a.m., USDA Service Center

Monday, Sept 1, 2014 Wed & Thurs, Sept 3&4, 2014
USDA Service Center closed Grazing School
Labor Day Holiday Union, MO

Call to confirm meeting date and times. All regular meetings are open to the public.



Quarterly Quote

*"I bequeath myself to the dirt,
to grow from the grass I love;
If you want me again,
look for me under your boot-soles."*

—Walt Whitman

THANK YOU

The District Board appreciates the cooperation of the businesses that advertise in our newsletter and hope that our readers patronize these advertisers. The Board especially appreciates the financial assistance of the Franklin County Commission. Thanks also to our partners in conservation: NRCS, FSA, DNR, University Extension, MDC, Quail Forever. Assistance from the Soil and Water Conservation District is available to all county residents regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, gender identity, reprisal, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation or individual's income. State Cost-Share funds are available for agriculture landowners that have active erosion and are approved to complete practices that solve the erosion problem and for practices that protect our water quality.