

Gasconade County SWCD

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Election Results from 2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting was well received with 152 people registering for dinner. The polls opened at noon at the USDA Service Center and moved to the Owensville Middle School around 5 p.m. and closed at 7:30.

Board Member Dennis Berger announced the election results. Mike Haeffner was elected to serve as the Area I, Richland and Boulware Township, Supervisor. Mike received 32 votes, while Connie Cunningham received 24, and Chris Fahrenholtz received 14. Debra Nowack was elected to serve as the Area III, Clay, Third Creek, and Bourbois Township, Supervisor. Debra received 29 votes, while Gene Rademacher received 22, and Glen Boettcher received 21. Thanks to everyone who voted and to the candidates, who were willing to serve our local landowners in this capacity. A special thanks to Brenda Kurrelmeyer, Shirley Landwehr, and Cathy Shoemaker who served as our election judges.

The roast beef dinner for the evening was served by Swiss Meats. Following the pledge and prayer, Chairman Ron Hardecke introduced the current Board Members, NRCS, MDC, and SWCD staff and he also introduced County Commissioner Jerry Lairmore, DNR District Coordinator Chrisi Armbruster, and the new FSA County Executive Director, Kate Jarboe, along with her staff Debra Nowack and Brenda Kurrelmeyer.

Julia Witthaus, a senior and FFA member

of the Hermann High School, presented a speech on "Promoting Agriculture in Urban Areas" focusing on the positive outputs of the agricultural community. She highlighted Proposition B and the fact that so many people have never been on a farm and do not understand the production process and the vital impact that farmers have on the world.

Mark Brandt, NRCS Resource Conservationist for Gasconade County, presented a brief presentation on soil health and the advantages of no-till versus conventional tillage and the effects each practice has on soil saturation and soil organisms. He talked about different cover crops (such as turnips) and how they assist in improving the organic matter. He also covered the benefits of rotational grazing systems, showing how overgrazing not only affects the top growth but the root systems and how it affects the forages during drought conditions.

John, Jennifer, and Mary Ellen Hall were presented with the 2011 Conservation Family Award by Treasurer Gene Rademacher. They were recognized for their exceptional efforts at addressing the existing erosion on their property and maintaining a functional grazing system.

A surprised Shirley Landwehr was recognized by Vice-Chairman Curtis Koelling for the 2011 Volun-

teer Award. Shirley has been serving as a poster judge for 10 years and assists the district whenever she can.

The GCSWCD was pleased to present Arthur Schneider, an 8th Grader from Hermann Middle School, with a participation certificate from the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for his 2010 poster for "Conservation Habits = Healthy Habitats". Arthur was selected as a State Winner for the 7th - 9th Grade Division and was judged at the National Level in February of this year.

Secretary Robin Kliethermes and District Technician Terry DuBois announced the following as the winners of the 2011 poster contest, "Farmers Produce Food, Fiber, and Fuel from Renewable Resources."

Second Grade Winners: First - Nick Waechter, St. George

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Outgoing board members Gene Rademacher and Curtis Koelling received service recognition awards from Ron Hardecke, Board Chairman.

Board of Supervisors:

Ron Hardecke - Chairman
Dennis Berger - Vice-Chairman
Debra Nowack - Treasurer
Michael Haeffner - Member
Robin Kliethermes - Secretary

District Staff:

Diana Mayfield - District Specialist II
Terry DuBois - District Technician II



NRCS Staff:

Melinda Barch - District Conservationist
Mark Brandt - Resource Conservationist
Kary Wolfe - Soil Conservationist
Megan Ordway - Soil Conservationist

MDC STAFF:

Kyle Lairmore, Private Lands Conservationist
Scott Williams, Fisheries Biologist
Aaron Holsapple - Forester

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***Sponsored by: Gasconade and Maries County
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August 4, 2011

Pick-up times & place:

Bank of Vichy, 14780 Hwy 63 - 6:30 a.m.

Owensville Wal-Mart, 1888 E Hwy 28 - 7:00 a.m.

Cost - \$25.00 per person, payable upon registration

Tour Highlights

BIOTECHNOLOGY TOUR - Since the mid 1990's plants delivering biotech benefits have given farmers new ways to solve old problems. Since 1998, we have introduced 12 new seed traits, and we will be introducing more products in the future. We seek to help farmers increase yields through herbicide tolerance, insect protection, weather protection, drought tolerance and increased productivity.

- Gene Discovery
- Gene Insertion
- Tissue Culture
- Greenhouses
- Growth Chambers
- Greenhouse Test Plants

BREEDING AND AGRONOMIC TECHNOLOGY TOUR - Plant breeding still depends on many techniques discovered centuries ago. These tried-and-true practices are combined with the knowledge and skills learned through modern science to develop seeds that offer the best yields for specific growing conditions

- Sampling and Testing
- Protective Seed Coating
- Consumer Health Benefits
- New Agronomic Practices
- Effective Weed Control

Lunch is Provided!

***Space is limited so please call 573-437-3478 ext 3
or 573-422-3342 to reserve your seat.***

Registration Deadline is July 22, 2011!



Above - Mary Ellen, Jennifer, and John Hall receive the 2011 Conservation Family Award From Gene Rademacher. Below - Shirley Landwehr receives the 2011 Volunteer Award From Curtis Koelling.



See more Annual Meeting pictures on our website at: www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade



Julia Witthaus gives her thoughts on "Promoting Agriculture in Urban Areas."



Ron Hardecke and Kyle Lairmore look on as Mark Brandt discusses soil health.



Robin Kliethermes presents Claire Schneider with her Grand Prize Bicycle, while Terry DuBois looks on!



Second Grade Winners: Gracie Winkelmann, Matthew Lampkin, and Nick Waechter

Practice Highlights

The Sheet/Rill and Gully Erosion Resource Concern is a major issue for the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and the 114 Districts in the State of Missouri. Sixty-nine percent of our current allocation is bound to this resource concern. The practices listed below are just three of the practices that could be addressed on your land. All of these practices require some type of soil loss. The County cost-share maximum per landowner per year is \$6,000 unless otherwise stated.

DSL-15, No-Till Systems (Incentive) To establish no-till system of farming with residue management. Maintenance Agreement – 1 year. If you have not used a no-till system to establish your fields or crops, you may use this incentive to try the practice. There is a \$15 acre limit for a maximum of 40 acres in any one federal fiscal year.

DWC-1, Water Impoundment Reservoir - County Maximum is \$8,000. This practice is to control active gully erosion and to provide water for agriculture uses. *Water Impoundment Reservoir practices must provide water source for livestock as well as meeting erosion factor. They may not be constructed in heavily wooded areas, newly cleared acres or close to a residential facility.* A watering system and fencing is required. The staff must establish eligibility with DNR before they can survey and design the practice to meet NRCS Standards and Specs. Maintenance Agreement – 10 years.

DSL-5, Diversion Assistance for diversions, ditches, dikes, or subsurface drains where necessary for the proper functioning of the diversion. The cost-share is up to 75% of the state average cost to install the practice to NRCS standards and specifications. Maintenance Agreement – 10 years.

The Gasconade County Soil and Water Conservation District does not endorse nor recommend any of the vendors/contractors advertised in this newsletter, furthermore, any contractor/vendor that wishes to be added to the district's contractor/vendor list can be added upon request.





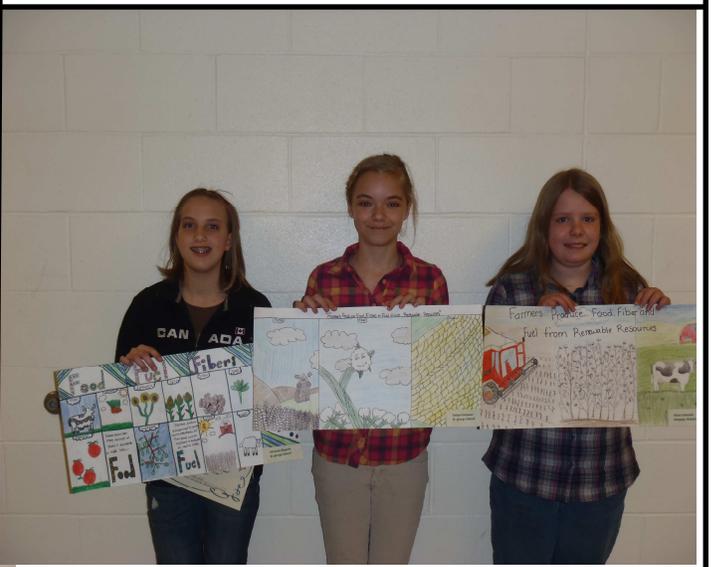
3rd Grade Winners: Paige Whittal, Charity Reynolds, Lucas Myrick



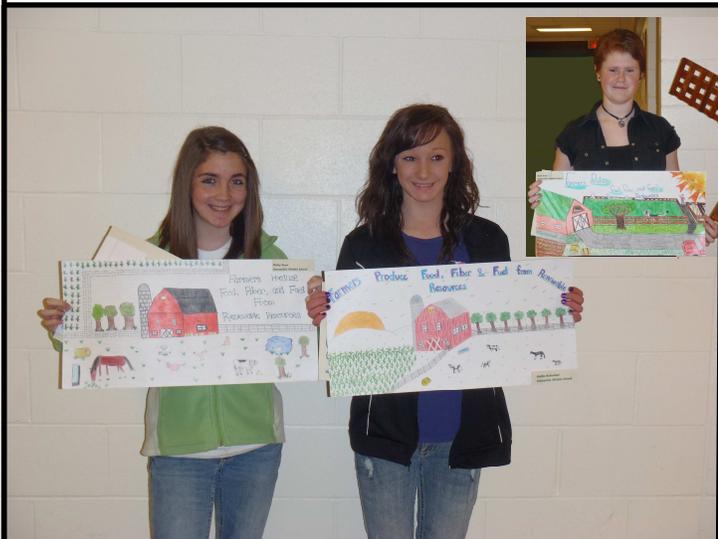
4th Grade Winners: Allison Stiers, Brenna Jones, Mary Keiser



5th Grade Winners: Patrick Martin, Tess Schannuth, Calista LeBrell



6th Grade Winners: Miranda Bugarin, Larissa Lackman, Clair Schneider



7th Grade Winners: Haley Ryan, Callie Hubenthal (insert - Alex Kreis)



8th Grade Winner: Arthur Schneider (not pictured Gwen LeRoy and Savannah Knipping)

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School; Second - Matthew Lampkin, St. George School; Third - Gracie Winkelmann, St. George School

Third Grade Winners: First - Lucas Myrick, Hermann Elementary School; Second - Charity Reynolds, St. George School; Third - Paige Whittal, Hermann Elementary School

Fourth Grade Winners: First - Mary Keiser, Hermann Middle School; Second - Brenna Jones, St. George School; Third - Allison Stiers, St. George School

Fifth Grade Winners: First - Calista LeBrell, St. George School; Second - Patrick Martin, Owensville Elementary School; Third - Tess Schannuth, St. George School

Sixth Grade Winners: First - Clair Schneider, Hermann Middle School; Second - Larissa Lackman, St. George School; Third - Miranda Bugarin, St. George School

Seventh Grade Winners: First - Callie Hubenthal, Owensville Middle School; Second - Haley Ryan, Owensville Middle School; Third - Alex Kreis, Owensville Middle School

Eighth Grade Winners: First - Savannah Knipping, St. George School; Second - Arthur Schneider, Hermann Middle School; Third - Gwen LeRoy, St. George School

Grand Prize Winner - Claire Schneider, Hermann Middle School.

There were 518 posters submitted from 7 county schools and everyone received a participation award. The poster judges were Shirley Landwehr, Delores Diekmann, and Connie Doerr. The First, Second, and Third place winners all received cash awards. The Grand Prize Bicycle was donated by the Owensville Wal-Mart and all of the poster board that the children used was donated by RR Donnelley. Thanks to them for their continued support of this contest.

Check out our updated website at <http://www.swcd.mo.gov/gasconade/>

FSA News

New Farm Service Agency County Executive Director (CED)

Kate Jarboe became the Gasconade County CED on March 21, 2011, and she is from Gallatin, Missouri, and graduated from Gallatin R-V High School in 2006. She graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia in December 2009 with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics-Public Policy. Kate grew up on a diversified family farm where she primarily took care of livestock and showed swine at local and state fairs through her membership in FFA and 4-H.



Kate was employed as a student at the Missouri FSA State Office from October 2006-February 2010. She also worked at the MU Ag Econ Department and interned for the Missouri Corn Growers Association during her time at the University of Missouri-Columbia. In February 2010, Kate was hired as a County Operations Trainee for FSA where she traveled throughout the state training in various FSA program areas. She plans to wed Greg Gerlemann of New Haven, Missouri at the end of April in Hermann, Missouri. They plan to continue enlarging their cattle herd and will reside in northern Gasconade County.

Signup for eAlerts

Producers may signup for eAlerts and receive FSA program information via text message and/or email. Postcard reminders will no longer be mailed. Standard text message rates apply. Signup at the Gasconade County FSA office.

2011 DCP/ACRE Sign-Up

Producers may now enroll in the 2011 Direct & Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) and/or Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) annual farm programs. Producers may request an advance direct payment based on 22% of the direct payment for each commodity associated with the farm. The remaining 78 percent of the DCP payment will be issued after October 1, 2011. **Signup ends June 1, 2011.**

Direct payments are calculated using base acres and payment yields established for each farm. Eligible producers receive direct payments at rates established by statute regardless of market prices. Producers electing the ACRE option agree to have their direct payments reduced by 20 percent however they have revenue protection from low prices and yields if State and County triggers are met.

For more information about DCP or ACRE, please contact the Gasconade County FSA office at 573-437-3478, ext 2. Information can also be obtained online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

CCPI Update!

The 2010 Gasconade County CCPI, *Stabilizing Streambank Erosion Issues in the Bourbeuse Watershed in Gasconade County, Missouri* Project is progressing right along. The first project has been approved by the Fort Worth NRCS office and the final 404 permit is being finalized. When all administrative/technical processes are complete the landowner will be making the final decision in regards to the project. With any luck, the project will begin sometime this late summer or fall. The project will be addressing approximately 350 feet of streambank issues on the Bourbeuse River. The landowner will be placing approximately 4 rock dikes into the channel to slow the water and reduce the soil loss.

If the project proceeds, he has agreed to host a field visit to view the installation of one of dikes after a couple of them have been placed. We will keep everyone posted on this type of event.

The 2011 CCPI signup went well with seven applications being submitted. The Area Engineers are in the process of evaluating the top ranking projects for financial and design feasibility. This year we have \$80,000 in which to allocate through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program, thanks to State Conservationist JR Flores' efforts. It looks like we might be able to fund at least one or two applications.

Tri-County Grazing School May 12 - 13, 2011 Vienna United Methodist Church

This school covers the basics for management intensive grazing systems, which is required for applying for cost-share assistance through the state Grazing Management program. The school also provides ranking points if applying for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). There will be a variety of speakers covering areas of fencing, watering facilities, fertility, nutrition, and economics. The morning sessions will be in the classroom while the afternoons will be spent in the field. Please contact Sandy at the Maries County SWCD at 573-422-3342 to register. (Costs have not been determined at the time of this publication.)



Sites that were visited in regards to the CCPI Grant.



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Dates to Remember

May 3, 2011	Board of Supervisor Mtg, USDA Service Center - 8 p.m.
May 12 - 13, 2011	Tri-County Grazing School, Vienna United Methodist Church, 8 a.m.
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day Holiday, Office Closed
June 7, 2011	Board of Supervisor Mtg, USDA Service Center - 8 p.m.
June 30, 2011	End of Fiscal Year 2011
July 4, 2011	Fourth of July Holiday, Office Closed
July 5, 2011	Board of Supervisor Mtg, USDA Service Center - 8 p.m.
July 22, 2011	Registration Deadline for Monsanto Tour
August 2, 2011	Board of Supervisor Mtg, USDA Service Center - 8 p.m.
August 4, 2011	Monsanto Bus Tour

New Board of Supervisors

The GCSWCD Board of Supervisors met on April 5th at 8 p.m. The reorganization of the Board is as follows:

- ◆ Ron Hardecke, Chairman
- ◆ Dennis Berger, Vice-Chairman
- ◆ Debra Nowack, Treasurer
- ◆ Mike Haeffner, Member
- ◆ Robin Kliethermes, Secretary

Gasconade County SWCD Equipment

LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE ON FILE AT THE SWCD OFFICE BEFORE EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED.

Drill charge: Minimum charge of \$90.00 for less than 10 acres usage. An additional \$9.00 will be charged for each additional acre under 50 acres. There will be an \$8.00 per acre charge for 50 acres or more.

For Scheduling of equipment, please call the SWCD office at 573-437-3478 ext 3, unless other wise indicated.

- ◇ John Deere 10 ft no-till drill is located at James Miller, Second Creek Farms, 2828 Hwy 19 Owensville. Call 573-690-9065 or 314-609-7905 to schedule.
- ◇ Great Plains 7 ft no-till drill with warm season box is located at the SWCD office.

Located at the SWCD Office:

- ◇ Rotowiper - \$25 a day
- ◇ Burn Equipment - \$50 deposit, \$10 use charge
- ◇ ATV Equipment (Seeder, Sprayer, Disk) - \$100 deposit, \$20 a day each piece or \$50 for all three
- ◇ ATV Warm Season Grass Seeder—no charge—Donated by Quail Unlimited
- ◇ Soil Probe - no charge