

Livingston County

Soil & Water Conservation District

April — June 2015 Newsletter

<http://www.swcd.mo.gov/livingston>

SWCD Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Livingston County SWCD was held March 9, 2015 at the M.W. Jenkins Expo Building at the Litton Agri-Science Center in Chillicothe, MO. A meal catered by Hy-Vee was followed by the presentation of several awards. The Chillicothe High School Jazz Band performed a few songs during dinner. Overall county winners in the poster contest were presented with a certificate and cash awards with first place receiving \$100, second place receiving \$75 and third place receiving \$50. The Conservationist of the Year award was presented to Jerry and Alvina Benskin. The Distinguished Service award was presented to Kevin Hansen for his years of service as the MU-Extension representative on the SWCD board. Door prizes donated by various businesses were handed out throughout the evening.



Kevin Hansen (right) receives award from Larry Davies, Board Treasurer.



CHS Jazz Band



Jerry & Alvina Benskin



Overall county winners of the poster contest.

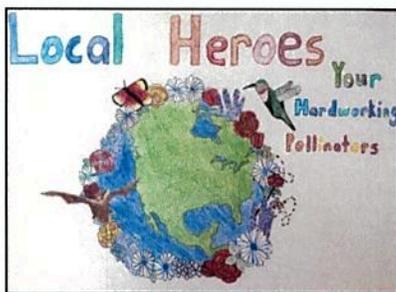


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Poster Contest

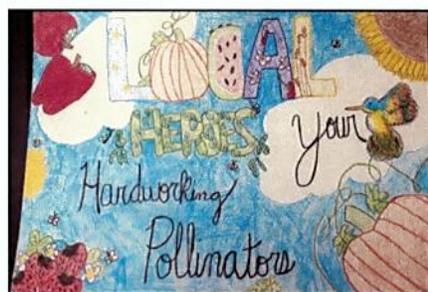
All Livingston County students in 4th-12th grade are eligible to participate in our Annual Poster Contest. Our judges give a blue or red ribbon based on criteria from the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) Poster Contest. Then the judges select the top three posters from each grade level per school (those results are listed on the next page). Each 1st place poster is then judged again to determine the top three posters for the county in each age category. Those posters are pictured on this page. Livingston County has some extremely talented students!



1st place 4th-6th Grade

Hallie Jones, 6th Grade

Chillicothe Middle School



2nd place 4th-6th Grade

Paige Brown, 4th Grade

Central School



3rd place 4th-6th Grade

Quincey Jessen, 5th Grade

Central School



1st place 7th-9th Grade

Jacob Parkes, 9th Grade

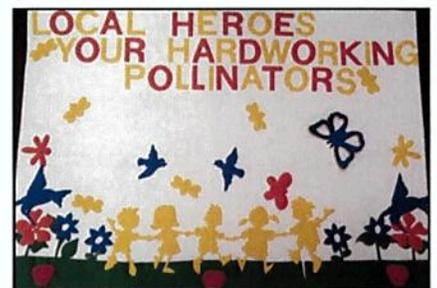
Chillicothe High School



2nd place 7th-9th Grade

Sydney Baxter, 8th Grade

Bishop Hogan



3rd place 7th-9th Grade

Krystalyn Peel, 8th Grade

Homeschool



1st place 10th-12th Grade

Libby Rule, 12th Grade

Chillicothe High School



2nd place 10th-12th Grade

Courtney Reith, 12th Grade

Southwest School



3rd place 10th-12th Grade

Ridge Barron, 10th Grade

Southwest School

2015 Poster Contest Results



This year we had a total of 343 posters entered. Eight classes had 100% participation and the winner of the Participation Pizza Party was Mrs. Chambers' 4th grade class at Central School. Listed below are the winners at each school:

Bishop Hogan 4th Grade

Evan Deshayes
Izzie Montgomery
Carter Crawford

Bishop Hogan 5th/6th Grade

Ellie Barnett
Essie Hicks
Carson Crawford

Chula 4th Grade

Skylar Stover
Breanna Pithan
Kenlynn Fisher

Chula 5th/6th Grade

Lucas Greener
Brooklyn Lambert
Hailey Hamilton

Southwest 4th Grade

Chloe Clements
Kierra Bradley
Eli Warren

Southwest 5th Grade

Ashlynn Brummit
Patrick Dykes
Kailey Hulett

Southwest 6th Grade

Patrick Warren
Lily Webb
Spencer Shira

Chillicothe Middle 6th Grade

Hallie Jones
Ava Gibson
Lucas Campbell

Central 4th Grade

Paige Brown
Sarah D. Hall
Wyatt Brandsgaard



Homeschool

Leah Lourenco
Gabby Hudgins



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State Cost-Share Termination Date



If you currently have a contract for State Cost-Share Assistance please take note of the termination date. This is the date that your practice must be constructed, check-out complete, all receipts turned into our office and the payment form signed by.



Thank you to our Annual Meeting door prize donors! We appreciate your generosity!

Farmer's Electric Cooperative

DQ Precision Planting

Quinn Seed Sales & Service

Chula Farmers Co-Op

Horton Bros. Construction

Terry Implement

Anderson TBA

Milbank Mills

Chillicothe Diesel

Minnick Supply

Young Veterinary Clinic

Carquest

Sydenstricker Farm and Lawn

Ziegler Ag Equipment

Bank Midwest

T&R Soil Service

MFA Agri Services

FCS Financial

State Bank

Fastenal

Washington Street Food

Orscheln Farm & Home

Golden Corral

Resor Seeds

Hometown Pharmacy

MFA Oil & Propane

SMC Electric Supply

Fast Lanes Bowling

SAVE THE DATE

Third Annual

Missouri Soil Health Exposition

Dates: August 26: Field Demonstrations

August 27: Workshops/Speakers

Location: MU Hundley-Whaley Research Center
1109 S. Birch Street, Albany, MO 64402

Featured Speakers:

Jerry Hatfield: Agriculture Research Service

Paul Ackley: Iowa Producer

Additional information, including a finalized agenda and registration fees will be available in June.

Contact Bruce Burdick (660-726-3698 or burdickb@missouri.edu) to register.



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Experts talk soil health—Newsletter article #5

Written and produced by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service

Many considerations 'in the mix' when choosing cover crops, expert says

There are a lot of things for farmers to consider when deciding how to mix that perfect cocktail – ah, of cover crops.

“Seed availability, cost, seeding methods, ability to terminate the plants and other factors enter into the number of species a farmer might use,” says David Lamm of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). “Some studies suggest six to eight species from three of the four groups would be about right,” Lamm says. “Our NRCS plant materials centers are conducting a three-year study to look at this.”

Lamm says location dictates the amount of growing season available, so it should be considered when selecting varieties of cover crops.

There are a number of common mixes being recommended depending on the location in the country. For the northern Corn Belt, Lamm says a common mix is cereal rye, hairy vetch, winter peas and daikon radish. In the south and southeastern U.S., a common mix is cereal rye, hairy vetch, crimson clover, and daikon radish.

“But producers shouldn't limit themselves to these mixes,” Lamm says. “They should continue to experiment to see what might work best on their farms.” He suggests interested farmers talk with farmers who have long-term experience, too.

For more information on how to “Unlock the Secrets in Your Soil,” call or visit your local USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service office or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov.

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Upcoming Events

Holiday Closings

5/25/15 Memorial Day

Events

5/7/15 Partner in Ed field trips

5/11/15 Partner in Ed field trips



"If we are what we eat, surely what we eat is only as healthy and sustainable as the soil it comes from."

Steve Suppan



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