



**MARIES COUNTY SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
NEWSLETTER**

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***Join Us February 24th For The  
2014 Forage & Beef Conference At Cuba***

Since 1994, landowners from mid-Missouri have come together to listen and ask questions from an excellent panel of speakers at the Forage & Beef Conference. This year's event will be held on Monday, February 24th at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Cuba. It begins with registration at 12:30 p.m. with the first speaker to start at 1:00.

The entire list of speakers and topics is listed on

page 3. Local vendors and agencies will have displays highlighting their agricultural products and door prizes will be given away. The registration fee for the conference is \$10.00 per person which includes an evening meal. If you are unable to attend at the start of the program, you should feel free to join at any time dur-

ing the conference.

RSVP should be made before Feb. 12th by calling the Crawford County SWCD office at 1-800-364-8732 Ext. 3 or 573-364-6202 Ext. 3. In the event you do not get this newsletter until after the 12th, call to see if there is still room. We hope to see you there!

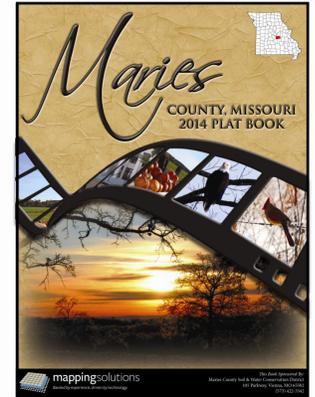


***You Are Cordially Invited...***

Please join us for the 36th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District on March 24th 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 a presentation by the Department of Natural Resources Soil & Water Conservation Program Director, Colleen Meredith and 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 14th. See back page for return form or call 573-422-3342.***



***The new Plat Books and Wall Maps are in! \$30 per book~\$35 per map. Extra charge for mailing.***

**District Board of Supervisors**

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Megan Rudroff, Soil Conservationist  
Amy Neier, Soil Conservation Tech  
Aaron Holsapple, Resource Forester  
Scott Williams, Fisheries Biologist

**UPCOMING DATES:**

February 11—Maries SWCD Board Meeting @ SWCD office 6:30 PM

February 17—Office Closed for President's Day

February 24—Office Closed - Join us at the Forage & Beef Conference @ KC Hall, Cuba

March 7—Deadline for Photo, Essay & Poster Contests

March 13—Pond Workshop @ Maries R-I, Vienna 6:30 PM

March 14—Deadline to RSVP for Annual Meeting

March 24—Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting @ KC Hall, Vienna

# Employee News And Awards Recognition

## Josie Yoakum Joins District As New Technician

The Maries County SWCD is pleased to announce that Josie Yoakum has accepted the position as the new District Technician. She is a recent graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science degree.



Her and her family own and operate a 180 cow/calf pair operation and do custom baling where she is involved with every aspect from record keeping to herd health. *Welcome to the district Josie!*

## Amy Neier Transfers To NRCS

Former District Technician Amy Neier has accepted a new position as the Soil Conservation Technician for NRCS. She works out of the Linn office and will be assisting with federal programs in Osage, Maries and Gasconade Counties as well as helping out with the soil and water cost-share programs. *Best Wishes Amy!*



## Sandy Stratman and Randy Stockstill Recognized At State Training Conference

Program Specialist Sandy Stratman and Maries R-I teacher Randy Stockstill were both honored at the Missouri SWCD Annual Conference in December. Stockstill received the 2013 Conservation Educator of the Year Award for Missouri and Stratman was recognized for 25 years of service to the Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District. *Congratulations Randy and Sandy!*



## Braden Schmitz Is New Employee With NRCS

Braden Schmitz has joined the NRCS staff as a new Soil Conservationist. He is headquartered out of the Gasconade County office and will also help out in Osage & Maries Counties. He grew up in Westphalia and is a recent graduate of Lincoln University with a degree in Natural Resources with an emphasis in wildlife management. *Welcome to the team Braden!*



## It's Photo Contest Time

Did you capture some great photos of the snow or an opportunity to snap a picture of some wildlife? Now is the time to select five of your favorite photos you've taken in Maries County and enter them in this year's contest.

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: Wildlife; Trees or Plants; or Landscapes.

Entries should follow these guidelines when entering:

- Each participant may enter up to, but no more than, five photographs. Photos will not be returned.
- Black-and-white prints, color prints and prints from digital photos are all acceptable. Photos must be no larger than 8x10 and they are not to be framed and/or matted.
- The following information must be attached to the back of each photo. Include: **A. Photographer's name, address and phone number; B. Division and Category entered; C. Title of photograph; D. Subject Names (if people are in photo); E. Location; F. Year photo was taken.**

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 2014 contest.

Judges will select one winner in each of the three categories in each division. County 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 or to the office by March 7th.

### Pond Workshop

Maries R-I High School  
Community Classroom  
300 Fourth Street, Vienna, MO  
Thursday March 13, 2014

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Topics to be covered:

Pond Construction, Fish Stocking,  
Aquatic Vegetation, Fish and Wildlife  
Management

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Register by March 10th to:  
Scott Williams, MDC at (573) 796-0286 Ext.  
4284 or [scott.williams@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:scott.williams@mdc.mo.gov)

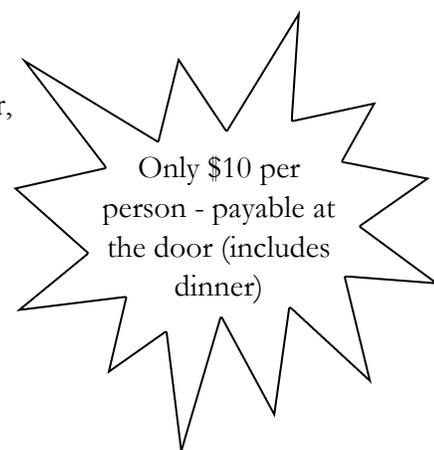
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Conservation, Natural Resources Conservation  
Service & Maries County Soil & Water

# Forage & Beef Conference

Monday, February 24, 2014

Knights of Columbus Hall, Cuba, Missouri (I-44 East, Take Highway UU Exit)

- 12:30 Registration  
1:00 "Herd Health" - Dr. Craig Payne, DVM, University of Missouri Extension  
1:45 "When Should I Sell My Calves To Make The Most Money" - Wesley Tucker, Ag Business Specialist, University of Missouri  
2:30 BREAK  
3:00 "Profits With Sheep & Goats"- Mark Kennedy, MFGC Grassland Consultant  
3:45 "Financial Assistance" - Melinda Barch, NRCS District Conservationist  
4:15 BREAK  
4:30 Producer Panel - "Reducing Hay Use"  
Leon Kreisler—Dent County  
Denny Pogue—Phelps County  
5:30 "Kick The Hay Habit" - Jim Gerrish, American GrazingLands Services, Patterson, ID  
6:30 Dinner



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## District Poster & Essay Contests Ends March 7th

After the winter break and the students are back in school, it's time for students to begin working on their annual poster and essay entries. The contests are sponsored by the Maries County Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's theme is *"Dig Deeper—Mysteries In The Soil?"*. Posters and essays should highlight that soil is amazing substance and is a complex mix of minerals, air and water.

Posters can be entered by any student enrolled in the 3rd through 6th grades of any Maries County school or home-schooled in Maries County. 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.

From each grade, three posters will be chosen to win cash awards. Grade level prizes will be: 1<sup>st</sup> place - \$15, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$10 and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$5. From these winners one entry will be declared the grade 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 award.

The district's essay contest is open to any student living in Maries County and/or enrolled in the 7th through 12th grades of any Maries County 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 information sheet 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.

The entries will be judged in three groups: 7th & 8th; 9th & 10th; and 11th & 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

The posters and essays are due in the Soil & Water office by the close of business on March 7th. The office is located at 105 Parkway in Vienna.

# Reservation Due For Annual Meeting By March 14th

**Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting**  
**Monday, March 24, 2014**  
**Visitation Knights of Columbus Hall, Vienna**  
**6:00 PM**

NAME

Respond by March 14th

# ATTENDING

Mail to: 105 Parkway, Vienna, MO 65582  
or call 573-422-3342

## *2014 Grazing Schools*

Contact the Maries County Soil & Water office at 573-422-3342 if you are interested in receiving more information and getting on the list to attend one of the following schools. Attendance is a requirement for some cost-share programs.

April 10 & 11—Rolla

September 4 & 5—Vienna

September 24 & 26—Wurdack

## *ATV Seeders, ATV Sprayer and Ricoh Copier For Sale By Sealed Bid*

The Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking Sealed Bids for the following equipment until **March 7th**:

Earthway Cool Season Grass ATV Seeder Model M30

Truax Warm Season Grass ATV Seeder—Seed Slinger

Fimco Boomless 25 Gallon ATV Sprayer

Ricoh Aficio Office Copier & Stand

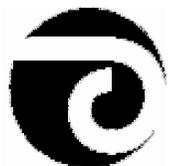
All items are “as is”. The district board reserves the right to reject all bids.

Mail bids to: Maries SWCD—Sealed Bid, 105 Parkway, Vienna, MO 65582

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