

Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District Newsletter

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Join Us February 29th For The 2016 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 29th 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 during the conference.

RSVP should be made before Feb. 16th 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 16th, call to see if there is still room. We hope to see you there!



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Aaron Holsapple, Resource Forester
Adam Jones, Wildlife Biologist
Scott Williams, Fisheries Biologist

Important Dates:

February 8—Maries SWCD Board Meeting @ SWCD office 6:00 PM

February 15—Office Closed for President's Day

February 17—Office Closed—Staff Out of Office For Meetings

February 29—Office Closed - Join us at the Forage & Beef Conference @ KC Hall, Cuba

March 4—Deadline for Photo, Essay & Poster Contests

March 14—Deadline to RSVP for Annual Meeting

March 19—Vienna Lions Home & Sports Show @ KC Hall, Vienna—Stop By Our Booth!

March 22—Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting @ KC Hall, Vienna

September 8—**Save The Date** for the 2016 OMG Women in Agriculture Meeting at Owensville!!!

You Are Cordially Invited...

Please join us for the 38th Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Maries County Soil & Water Conservation District on March 22nd 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 about the benefits we all receive from the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax 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.

Amy Neier

Amy Neier is back!!! The Maries County SWCD is pleased to announce that Amy is back at the Vienna office full-time and will continue to assist Maries County landowners with their conservation requests.

Amy spent two years at the Linn Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Linn working with the federal programs. She also serves as a representative on the Missouri Forage & Grassland Council Board of Directors.

Welcome Back
Amy!



Sandy Stratman

Sandy Stratman was recognized at the 2015 Annual Training Conference in December with a gift of appreciation from the Missouri Soil & Water Conservation Districts Employees Association. After serving as an area representative since 2006 and president of the organization the last five years, she made the decision to not seek another term.

Sandy stated that she enjoyed representing all the Missouri employees at the state and national level. Missouri has great conservation partners and she feels blessed to have been a part of it!

Congratulations Sandy!



Important Fact:

The renewal of the Parks, Soils & Water Tax will be on the ballot in 2016.

New Categories For 2016 Photo Contest

The 2016 Photo Contest marks the twelfth year the district has sponsored the competition for citizens in Maries County. This year's photos should be entered into one of the following new Categories: Trees/Plants/Landscapes; Wildlife; or Farming in Maries County. Only five of your favorite photos you've taken in Maries County can be entered in the 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).

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 2016 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 4th.

Prescribed Burn Workshop for Landowners

Friday, February 19th, 2016

9 AM - 3 PM

Vienna Volunteer Fire Protection District

308 N Mill Street, Vienna, MO

Workshop Topics:

- *Proper methods and techniques used for implementing control burns.
- *Burn equipment, how it is used and availability.
- *Developing burn plans.

Demonstration Burn: (If weather conditions are suitable)

A demo burn will follow classroom session on a nearby glade at Spring Creek Gap Conservation area.

Brown bag lunch will be provided for registered participants.

Register by February 16, 2016 to:

Seth Barrioz (573) 897-3797 ext. 116 (MDC Private Land Conservationist)

Directions: From Jefferson City, take Hwy 63 South to Vienna. Turn left onto 8th Street to North Mill Street The Fire Station will be on the corner.

Sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation and the United States Department of Agriculture.

2016 Forage & Beef Conference

Monday, February 29, 2016

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

12:30 Registration

1:00 Livestock Watering Systems – Melinda Barch, District Conservationist, NRCS

1:45 Fencing – Mark Kennedy, Grazinglands Specialist, MFGC/GLCI

2:30 BREAK

3:00 The Show-Me Select Replacement Heifer Development Program –

Dr. David Patterson, MU Beef Reproduction Specialist

3:45 BREAK

4:15 Producer Panel – Veterinary Practices to improve Heifer Development and Reproductive Performance

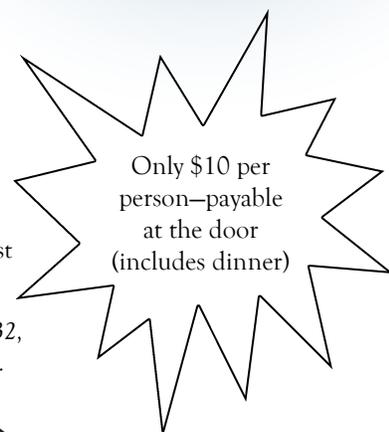
Dr. Steve Strubberg, DVM – Hermann, MO

Dr. Hunt Tainter, DVM – Washington, MO

5:15 Using DNA Technology to Improve Commercial Beef Herds– Dr. Jared Decker, MU Beef Genetics Specialist

6:30 Dinner

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District Poster & Essay Contests Ends March 4th

It's that time of the year 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 *"We All Need Trees"*. Posters and essays should highlight that trees are essential for the survival of humans and other living organisms.

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: 1st place - \$15, 2nd place - \$10 and 3rd 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 4th. The office is located at 105 Parkway in Vienna.

Reservation Due For Annual Meeting By March 14th

Maries County SWCD Annual Meeting
Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Visitation Knights of Columbus Hall, Vienna
6:00 PM

NAME

RESPOND BY MARCH 14TH

ATTENDING

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

2016 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 12, 13 & 14—Rolla

September 14, 15 & 16—Osage County

September 28, 29 & 30—Wurdack

Save The Date—2016 AgriPride Women in Agriculture Event!

The Osage, Maries and Gasconade Women in Agriculture (OMG WIA) Planning Committee have set the date for Thursday, September 8th for this year's event at the White Mule Bed & Breakfast and Winery near Owensville. We hope to bring you more exciting and informational speakers again this year along with an exceptional meal. Stayed tuned for more information on what's in store this year!!! Follow us on Facebook—OMG AgriPride Women In Agriculture or online <https://omgagripride.wordpress.com>

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