

Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District

ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 20TH 2012

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Office Closed February 20th
- Annual Mtg. March 20th
- Board Election March 20th
- Envirothon March 21st
- Poster Contest April 30th

Pettis County Soil and Water Conservation Districts will hold it's annual meeting March 20th, 2012. The meeting will begin at 6:30 at Our Savior Lutheran Church located 3700 W. Broadway Sedalia, MO. The Soil and Water District will hold a buffet style dinner for those who attend. We encourage all landowners in Pettis County to join us for the election, meeting, and dinner.

R.S.V.P. to (660) 826-3339 Ext. 3 by March 1st.



Candidates for 2012 Supervisors Election

Pettis County landowners can cast their ballots for areas III and IV at the SWCD office anytime 8:00am-4:30pm and at Our Savior Lutheran from 5:00pm-6:30pm.

Area III— Charles E. Hardy

Charles grew up in Central Illinois and moved to Pettis County in 1977. When he began farming he started with 260 acres and he has continued to expand his operation ever since. Currently he lives with his wife, Vicki, and his four children in Green Ridge where he row crops and has a cow-calf operation.

Charles is a member of Farm Bureau, Missouri Corn Growers Association, Missouri Soybean Association, and is the current Vice-President of the Pettis County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Charles is continually participating in cost share programs through our office and maintains some erosion practices on his own. He constantly is experimenting with new erosion practices.

Area IV— David Dick

David was born & raised in Pettis County and graduated from Sacred Heart High School. From there he received an Associate's degree in Farm Management from State Fair Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science from Central Missouri State University. His current operations include a cow-calf herd and custom haying.

David is a member of Pettis County Cattlemen's, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, National Cattlemen's Association, and Farm Bureau. He has also served on the Missouri Beef Industry Council and is currently serving as Chairman of the Federation Division NCBA.

David is also our current Chairman of the Pettis County Soil and Water Board of Supervisors and has enjoyed his time on the Board.

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2012 Cost Share Status

Resource Concern	Obligated	Contract Payments	Unobligated
Sensitive Areas	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,640.00
Grazing Management	\$12,987.40	\$5,239.95	\$798.56
S & R/ Gully Erosion	\$337,424.94	\$322,424.94	\$0.00
SALT /Heaths Creek	\$82,306.68	\$43,888.81	\$1,502.56

NRCS RANKING DATES FOR MAJOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) today announced ranking dates for its major conservation programs and initiatives that offer technical and financial assistance to Missouri farmers and ranchers.

NRCS accepts applications for financial assistance on a continuous basis throughout the year. However, NRCS establishes ranking periods for its programs that allow it to rank submitted proposals for funding consideration. NRCS then notifies all applicants of the results of the rankings and begins developing contracts with selected applicants.

The ranking period cutoff dates for the major conservation programs and initiatives that apply in Missouri are:

February 3, 2012

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP)
- On-Farm Energy Initiative
- Organic Initiative

Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative

March 30, 2012

- On-Farm Energy Initiative
- Organic Initiative
- Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative

June 1, 2012

- On-Farm Energy Initiative
- Organic Initiative
- Seasonal High Tunnel Initiative

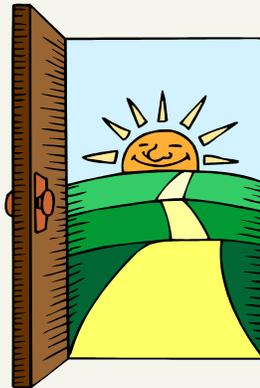
Moving to multiple ranking dates instead of just one annually will make it easier for more producers to apply for the three initiatives and help them get started with implementing the practices they need to benefit the natural resources on their operations, State Conservationist J.R. Flores says.

Visit the [NRCS National Web site](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov) for more information on how to apply for these initiatives and connect with an NRCS office near you.

SHANNON EBELING

After 20+ Years, with the Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District Shannon Ebeling, SALT manager will retire from the district. We would like to thank Shannon for his dedicated service. Shannon's final day was Jan. 6th.

Good Luck Shannon!



SILT FENCE PLOW

The Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District has recently purchased a silt fence plow. The silt fence plow will primarily be used in waterway seeding establishments. Landowners will be able to utilize this machine to trench a fabric-like layer 18inches deep leaving 18inches of fabric exposed. The silt fence will be trenched across the flow area of a waterway to prevent the formation of the small ditches that impede grass establishment. This

usually occurs at the lower end of a waterway where amounts of water increase.



Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference

Mark your calendars! The Mid-Missouri Grazing Conference is scheduled for February 10, 2011, at the Capital Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the conference concludes at 3:30 p.m. The registration fee includes lunch and breaks and should be received by February 4, 2011. For more information, call 573-893-5188 ext. 101 or see <http://extension.missouri.edu/cmregion/ag/mmgc.shtml> to download information and registration forms.

Single - \$40, Couple - \$60

At the door: Single - \$50,
Couple - \$70



HALLIE RYAN PECK

Was welcomed into the Peck family on August 19, 2011.

7lbs., 3oz.- 20 inches

By parents Laura and Ryan and a loving older sister Josie. The field office would like you to share in Ryan's happiness and offer our congratulations!

FUNDING IN 2013

The Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation Districts' fiscal year 2013 will begin July 1, 2012. New funding will become available mid-July for designed conservation practices. You can start planning now for conservation practices that you want to implement this summer/fall. Feel free to call our office @ 826-3339 ext. 3 to see if you qualify.

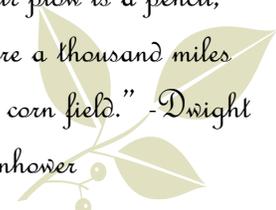
Please remember that funds do not transfer between resource concerns. The Pettis County Soil & Water strives each and every year to obtain more funding especially in sheet & rill/gully erosion to fulfill your needs. This program is statewide funded through a 1/10th of 1% sales tax.

Pettis County Soil & Water Conservation District	
Resource Concern	FY 2013 Allocation
Sheet, Rill, & Gully	\$331,643.00
Nutrient & Pest Mgt.	\$15,000.00
Grazing Management	\$6,449.00
Sensitive Areas	\$6,156.00
Total:	\$359,248.00

Heaths Creek

Grazing management is an important part of our Heaths Creek SALT program and we would very much like to help you implement a plan on your farm. If you are interested in a grazing system and would like to find out more about this or other conservation practices available please contact the office @ (660)826-3339 ext.3. Also please remember to sign up for Nutrient & Pest Management before April to receive funding in 2013.

"Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're a thousand miles from the corn field." - Dwight D. Eisenhower



EQUIPMENT RENTAL

- John Deere 10' No-till Drill \$8.50/ac.
- Great Plains 10' No-till Drill \$9.00/ac.
- Vermeer Bale Processor (Mulcher) \$150/day
- Root Plow \$10/day
- Burn Equipment \$25/day
- Silt Fence Plow TBD



Call SWCD at 660-826-3339 (ext. 3)

*Customer must bring \$100 (\$150 for Mulcher) deposit for all equipment, copy of their vehicle insurance card used for transporting the equipment, and a hitch pin.

**Additional fees may apply to out of county residents

2012 Safety Meeting Schedule

Missouri One Call will hold a safety meeting Feb. 21st at the Thompson Conference Center at the State Fair Community College. Investigation of damages and related responsibilities as well as an insurance industry perspective on liability and necessary policies to protect you organization will be presented at this meeting

FREE Breakfast Served at Approximately 8:15 a.m. with the presentation beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Please register online @ www.mo1call.com/meetings

Questions please contact Derek Leffert at (573) 280-8500

Attention Hispanic and Women Farmers & Ranchers

If you believe that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) improperly denied farm loan benefits to you between 1981 and 2000 because you are Hispanic or are female, you may be eligible to apply for compensation.

The Obama administration is building a new era for civil rights at USDA, and working to provide justice for all Americans.

If you think you might be eligible to file a claim, access the Hispanic and Women Farmer and Rancher Call Center or Website:

**1-888-508-4429
www.farmerclaims.gov**

For guidance, you may contact an attorney or other legal service provider in your community. If you are currently represented by an attorney regarding allegations of discrimination or in a lawsuit claiming discrimination, you should contact your attorney regarding this claims process. USDA cannot provide legal advice to you.



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