

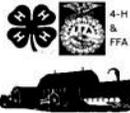
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Upcoming Events:

- April 30—Women's Ag Awareness Meeting @ Montgomery High School
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Olivia Mischlipsy Overall Poster Contest Winner for Warren County SWCD

Olivia is in Mrs. O'Donnell's class at Warrior Ridge Elementary in Warrenton. Her poster will go on to be judged against others in state contest this Fall. Olivia is pictured with Mrs. O'Donnell.

Mrs. Pierce's Class
5th Grade
Immaculate Conception
School
Overall Poster
Contest Winners
for
Montgomery County
SWCD
Mrs. Harris's Class
4th Grade
Wellsville-Middletown

Montgomery County SWCD Board Supervisor Election Results

By Polly Sachs, District Clerk

In conjunction with the open house, the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held a supervisor election Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

The SWCD board of supervisors is composed of five members. Every two years a term expires for two of the supervisors. This year it was Area 2 Includes Upper Loutre and Montgomery Townships and Area 4 includes Prairie Township and North 1/2 of Bear Creek Township.

Winners for these areas were Luke Stevens for Area 2, and Derrick Cope for Area 4. Jim Kleinsorge for Area 2 went off the board after 24 years; Harry Cope for Area 4 went off the board after 12 years. The board will reorganize at their next scheduled meeting in May with the new members.

Montgomery County Women's Ag Awareness Meeting

Thursday, April 30, 2015
Register at 6:00pm, Meal at 6:30pm
Montgomery County High School
394 N. Highway 19, Montgomery City, MO 63361
Plan now to attend and bring a friend!
Vendors will be set up by 6pm

Speaker: Heather Hingst, Hermann FFA Student

TOPIC—Farming Cooperatives

Warren County Soil & Water Conservation District

635 W. Booneslick
Warrenton, MO 63383
Phone 636-456-3434, Ext. 3
Fax 636-456-3712



Montgomery County Soil & Water Conservation District

1013 S. Sturgeon
Montgomery City, MO 63361
Phone 573-564-3715, Ext. 3
Fax 573-564-3967

Please RSVP by April 24th
You will need to pay \$10 in advance to Montgomery SWCD. For further information, phone 573-564-3715, x3
~ Sponsored by Montgomery SWCD, NRCS and FSA ~



Grazing School Held 4/1-2/15 at Warren County Extension Center



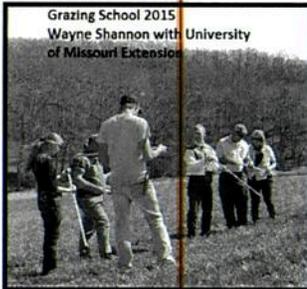
Left—Ben Avis is pictured at the Avis Farm talking to students of the 2015 Regional Grazing School about his experience with grazing systems.



Grazing School Classroom with Rich Moorman, University of Missouri Extension

The district obtained a grant through EQIP for the 2-day grazing school. There is 1 more year on the grant, if you are interested in attending next year, please notify the Warren County SWCD office at 636-456-3434, x3.

Below—Mark Kennedy from MO Forage & Grasslands was one of the main speakers at the grazing school.



Grazing School 2015 Wayne Shannon with University of Missouri Extension



FSA News...

Priscilla Eggering, Warren & Montgomery FSA



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Thanks for your service Harry & Jim!



Harry is current board chairman and has served on the board since March of 2003. In the 12 years Harry has served he has been the chairman. Harry has served on various DNR committees and has done a great job chairman of the SWCD Board. His leadership, knowledge and down to earth thinking will be difficult to replace.



After 24 years of service to the landowners and operators in Montgomery County, Jim Kleinsorge has made a decision to retire from the Montgomery SWCD Board. Jim currently serves as treasurer and has since the start. We would like to thank Jim for his service on the board and service to Montgomery County landowners.

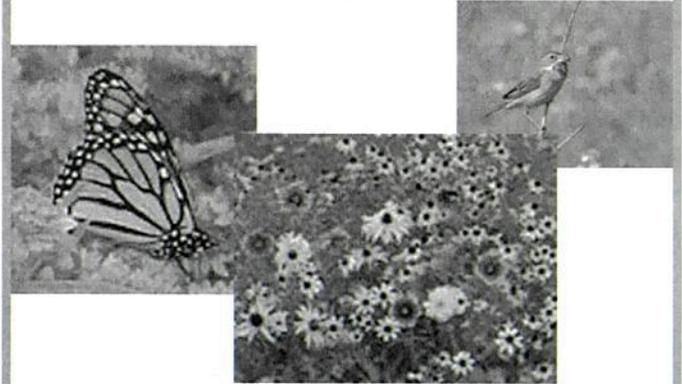
Native Plant & Wildflower Tour

Sunday, June 14, 2015

5pm walking tour for approximately one hour

Located at:

Tom & Pat Westhoff Farm
113 Leonard Rd.
Montgomery City, MO 63361



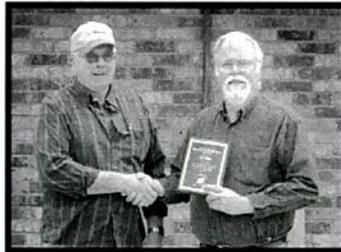
Optional meal available after tour.
Please call 573-929-3632 to RSVP
by Friday June 12th.

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Montgomery County USDA Service Center Hosts Open House on 4/14/15

**By Jason Bolte,
District Technician**

Approximately 225 landowners and business representatives attended the 2015 Montgomery County USDA's open house. The Soil and Water Conservation District, in cooperation with NRCS, FSA, MDC and QF were present and available to visit with producers about available programs. A lunch was served from 11am-1pm and dinner from 4-6pm, with conservation awards from the district presented at noon. A SWCD board election was also held. Board members going off the board were Harry Cope-Chairman, and Jim Kleinsorge-Treasurer. Derrick Cope, will be replacing Harry, and Luke Stevens, will be replacing Jim. Harry and Jim were both honored for their 12 and 24 years of service at noon. There were also posters on display from a recent poster contest held for the counties 4th and 5th graders. The day was a great success and we would like to thank everyone who participated.



Blau's Conservation Farm Award-Ron Talley

Alan Bufka, SWCD Member, presented the award. Ron has installed waterways, diversions, and terraces on his farm and on most land he rents. Ron is a good steward of the land and continues to make improvements.



Service Award Montgomery Standard

SWCD Board Chairman Harry Cope presents John & Donna Fisher with the Service Award for their continuing support of the district by helping get the word out about upcoming meetings and events.

Thanks for your support!



Conservation Partnership Award Ryan Diener

Karen Brinkman-NRCS, Harry Cope-SWCD, Ryan Diener-QF, Tammy Teeter-NRCS & JR Flores-NRCS are pictured with Ryan as he received his award for outstanding support from a partner agency.

New Opportunity to Improve Your Grazing Lands

**By Ryan Diener
Quail Forever Farm Bill
Wildlife Biologist**

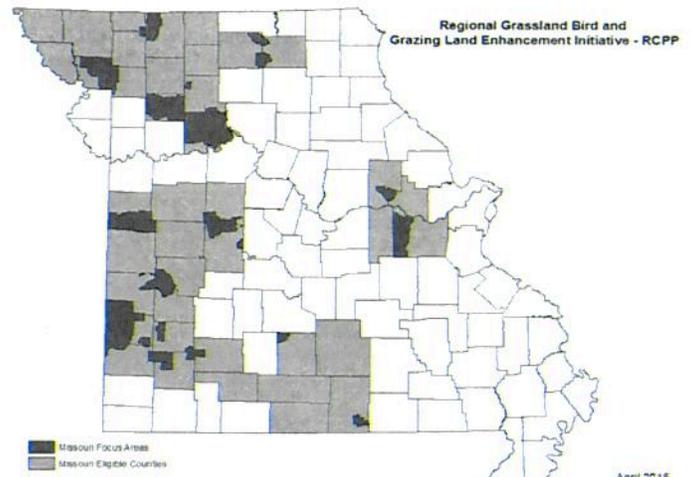
The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is a new NRCS cost share program that was created with the signing of the last Farm Bill. This program brings conservation partners together with NRCS to help target resource concerns on a more local level. Last year, partner agencies and organizations could submit project proposals to NRCS that they saw as a resource concern in their area that needed more attention than could be afforded through other programs. One such proposal was put forth by a group of partners that included the Missouri Department of Conservation and Quail Forever. Four counties here in east central Missouri are included in this

program, including Montgomery and Warren (see map below).

The project is focused on diversifying grasslands within grazing systems in Missouri. The main practice of this program is converting a percentage of cool season pasture to native warm season grass pasture. This will help provide a diversified forage base on the farm, and high quality forage in summer months when most cool season pastures are not producing optimal forage. The program will also have a host of practices to support grazing systems like what is found in EQIP. There will also be practices available to help improve other facets of wildlife habitat on the farm as well.

The exciting thing about this new program is the added incentives it provides

for the conversion to native warm season grasses that have not been present in past programs. For more information on this exciting new program, or to apply, please stop in at the NRCS office or contact Quail Forever Biologist Ryan Diener at 636-399-8733.



Warren USDA Service Center Hosts Open House-3/24/15

By Debbie Niederer, SWCD Technician

The Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) together with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and Farm Service Agency (FSA) held an open house March 24th, 2015 at the USDA Service Center on West Booneslick in Warrenton. Approximately 75 area cooperators attended. Lunch was served from 11AM to 2PM with partner agencies such as the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), and Ryan Diener, Farm Bill Biologist along with local staff available to answer questions.

Awards were given, Ed Hambach, area landowner received Volunteer Service Award for his numerous years of hosting the Soils and Forestry Contest for area students, Chris Merritt, Nutrition Specialist and CPD with the Missouri University Extension received Conservation Partnership Award, Polly Sachs, SWCD District Specialist received fifteen years of service plaque, and Rich Hoormann, SWCD Board Secretary gave a short presentation for Diane Huffman, teacher from Holy Rosary who had earlier received Conservation Teacher Award. Posters from the poster contest were displayed.

A special thanks to Bill Kessler from the Audrain County Pork Producers for helping supply the pork loin for the open house. Fellowship with friends was enjoyed by all.



Above—Steve Tomschin, SWCD Vice Chairman, presents Chris Merritt with a Conservation Partnership award for his support of the District's info/ed activities.



Rain or shine, and it rained, we still at a good turn-out for the open house!



Mrs. Huffman from Holy Rosary received the Conservation Teacher Award this year—
Congratulations Mrs. Huffman!



Above—Ralph Glosemeyer presents Polly Sachs with a 15-year service award from the District.



Ralph Glosemeyer, SWCD Chairman, presents Ed Hambach with the Volunteer Award for his support of the soils & forestry contest held at his farm.

Rainfall Simulator Demonstration

In March Andrea King Area Resource Conservationist and Tammy Teeter District Conservationist with the NRCS demonstrated the Rainfall Simulator at the Evening with Wildlife at the Pike County High School, a program sponsored by the Missouri Department of Conservation. They also had a display booth on soil health and cover crops for landowners to considering in protecting their soil from erosion and to build organic matter. The event was very well attended. For more information on these types of programs contact our offices.



Stewardship Week

For more than 50 years, NACD has sponsored a national program to encourage Americans to focus on stewardship. The program relies on locally-led conservation districts sharing and promoting stewardship and conservation activities. While the program encourages good stewardship year round, Stewardship Week is officially celebrated from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May. The theme for NACD's 2015 Soil and Water Stewardship Week is April 26 to May 3, 2015. Local Heroes Your Hardworking Pollinators is the theme.

Contractor's Workshop Held in Lincoln County

By Bob Ridgley, District Technician

On March 19, 2015, the Lincoln County, Montgomery County, Pike County, and Warren County FOSA held a Contractor's Workshop at the Hawk Point VFW Hall. There were approximately 35 attendees that started off with a good home cooked breakfast followed by a meeting and speakers from various companies and agencies which included Dani Golden-NRCS, Agricultural Engineer; Mont Gilbert-VP of Land Improvement Contractors Association (LICA); Taunya Richardson - Platte Pipeline; Keith Long-Missouri Department of Transportation; Priscilla Eggering-FSA, CED for Montgomery and Warren County; and Tammy Teeter-NRCS, DC for the Lincoln, Montgomery, Pike, and Warren County FOSA. A lot of good information was presented, with good questions asked and answered.



Above-Pictured is Mont Gilbert addressing the attendees at this year's first 4-county FOSA Contractor's Workshop in Hawk Point.

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