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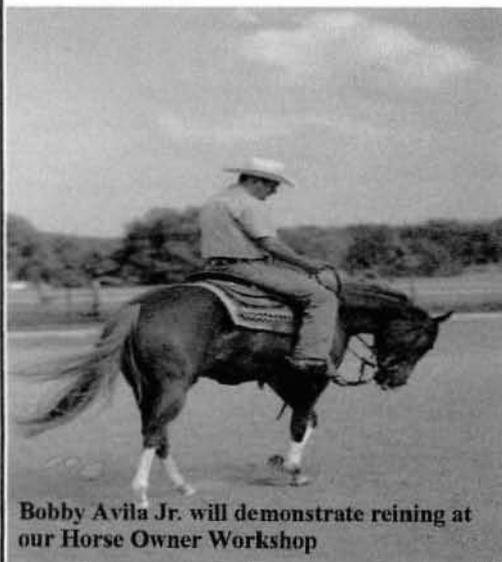
- Friday, April 3, 2009 - Horse Owner Workshop
- Monday, April 20, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting - 4 pm.
- Wednesday, April 22, 2009 - Earth Day
- Friday, May 1, 2009 - 3rd Grade Environmental Appreciation Day, Potosi City Park
- Monday, May 18, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting - 4 pm.
- Monday, May 25, 2009 - Memorial Day Holiday - Office Closed
- Monday, June 15, 2009 - Regular Board Meeting - 4 p.m.

***Horse Owner Workshop on April 3, 2009
 Will Feature Bobby Avila Jr.,
 Professional Reining Horse Trainer***

Do you own horses or are you planning on getting one or more in the near future? Are you interested in learning reining or dressage? Wondering how to best manage horses on small acreages? Then this FREE seminar is for you! The seminar will be held at the Potosi Saddle Club located on Hwy 185 just outside of Potosi, Missouri. The workshop will include a reining demonstration by Bobby Avila Jr., a professional reining horse trainer from Rogersville, Missouri. Also scheduled is Sandi Lewis, Resource Conservationist from Ste. Genevieve County, Missouri demonstrating Dressage techniques. Then Shannon Dean, Soil Conservation Technician with the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) from St. Francois County, Missouri will be giving a presentation about Horses on Small Acreages. Dinner will be provided for those attending the seminar. After dinner, Bobby Avila Jr. will be demonstrating and speaking on reining again. It should be a fun and interesting afternoon and evening!

This seminar is being presented by the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District with help from NRCS (National Resources Conservation Services) and The University of Missouri Extension Service. The seminar should prove to be interesting and informative to everyone who attends. The workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the will conclude around 7:30 p.m.

Registration is required so please call and make your reservations as soon as possible. All reservations should be made by Wednesday, April 1, 2009. There is no charge for this workshop that will provide a lot of useful information for those who attend! Call the WCSWCD (Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District) office at 573-438-9214 to make your reservations



Bobby Avila Jr. will demonstrate reining at our Horse Owner Workshop



Sandi Lewis will be demonstrating Dressage at our Horse Owner Workshop.

12th Annual Dinner Meeting Featured Pasture Weed Management, No-Till Drill Information and Firewise - Farmer of the Year Named & Poster Contest Winners

The 12th Annual Dinner Meeting of the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Friday, March 6, 2009 at the Potosi Lions Club located on Hwy 185. The afternoon started at 3:30 with Katie Kammler, Regional Plant Science Specialist from Ste. Genevieve County University Extension speaking about Pasture Weed Management. After a short break, she spoke to the audience about No-Till Drill Information. Dinner was catered that evening by Robbie Govero Catering from Imperial, MO. Following dinner, the 2009 5th Grade Poster Contest County Winners were awarded their prizes. The winners this year were: First Place, Thad Farris, Trojan Intermediate School; 2nd Place was Taylor Wallace, Kingston K-14 Elementary School; and Third Place went to Morgan Elliott, Trojan Intermediate School. Their pictures are shown below.

The guest speaker at the dinner meeting was Duane Parker, Firewise Consultant from Springfield, MO. Duane gave a powerpoint presentation showing different ways a person can keep their property "fuel free" for wildfires - no matter where you live. His presentation was very enlightening and enjoyed by all.

The Farmer of the Year Award was given to Jack Asbridge from Belgrade, MO. He has installed a grazing system on his property and has worked continuously on it throughout the year. Congratulations to the poster contest winners and to the Farmer of the Year!



2009 Poster Contest Winners

The 2009 Fifth Grade Poster Contest was held in January and February 2009 in the 5 school districts in Washington County. There were 3 County Winners chosen from all districts participating and those winners are shown on previous page with Annual Dinner Meeting. There are also winners from each school chosen for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place.

The winners, listed by school are as follows:

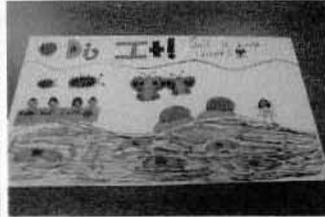
Trojan Intermediate School - 1st Place was Dillan Adams; 2nd Place, Hannah Farrow; and 3rd Place, Megan Clapp.

St. Joachim School - 1st Place, Dawn Yates; 2nd Place, Bailey Quisenberry; and 3rd Place Kristen Sampson.

Richwoods Elementary School - 1st Place, Sydney Thomlison; 2nd Place, Kaylea Hurtz; 3rd Place, Logan Larimore.

Kingston K-14 Elementary - 1st Place, Tim DeClue; 2nd Place, Juliet Holingshead; 3rd Place, Sydney Lawrence.

The theme for this year was "DIG IT! THE SECRETS OF SOIL!" The students were given information relating to the theme as well as some fun sheets to do. They had to design a poster which best depicted the theme. Below are pictures of the County Winners Posters, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place respectively.



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Changes To DSP-3 Grazing System Policy Effective March 2, 2009

At the Feb. 5, 2009 Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting, the proposed DSP-3 Grazing System Practices were approved to become available to districts beginning March 2, 2009. The DSP-3 Planned Grazing System Practice has been divided into five different practices with a cost per acre maximum for each acre served. There is no longer a maximum that can be received by a landowner such as the previous \$13,500 limit. The new practices were developed to treat each acre of grassland in a grazing system with the same amount of funding as every other acre in the state enrolled in the grazing system practices. The practices and their maximums are as follows:

DSP 3.1 Grazing System Water Development—\$95/acre maximum

This practice is for the development of a pond, well or spring development.

DSP 3.2 Grazing System Water Distribution—\$85/acre maximum

The practice includes components necessary for the distribution of water to paddocks.

DSP 3.3 Grazing System Fence - \$60/acre maximum

This practice is for the cost components for deterrent fencing necessary to install or intensify the grazing system.

DSP 3.4 Grazing System Lime - \$50/acre maximum

This practice is available on systems that currently meet the NRCS Standard and Specification for Prescribed Grazing, Code 528. This is a one-time application of lime and must be based on soil test requirements.

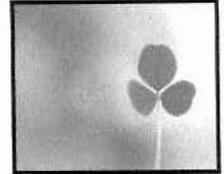
DSP 3.5 Grazing System Seed - \$40/acre maximum

This practice is available on systems that currently meet the NRCS Standard and Specification for Prescribed Grazing, Code 528. This is a one time inter-seeding of legume seed. The eligibility requirements will be determined by soil test.

Individual components of the practices must be eligible for cost-share and required as minimum and necessary in the approved grazing plan. After a grazing plan is developed, the DSP-3 practices may be installed independently of the others to work toward implementation of the grazing plan. The entire grazing system must meet the Standard and Specifications for the Prescribed Grazing, Code 528 within three years after the first contract payment.

For more information on these and other practices, contact the WCSWCD office at 573-438-9214.

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