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CALENDAR

October

- 10 – Columbus Day Office Closed
- 18 – Monthly Board Meeting 7 p.m. USDA service Center
- 21 – Neewollah Begins

November

- 2 – Envirothon Training Day at Old Iron Club Grounds Fredonia
- 6 – Daylight Savings Time (Fall back)
- 17 – Monthly Board Meeting 7 p.m. USDA service Center
- 11 – Veteran’s Day Office Closed
- 20 – KACD Annual Convention Double Tree Hotel Wichita Airport
- 21 – KACD Annual Convention Double Tree Hotel Wichita Airport
- 22 – KACD Annual Convention Double Tree Hotel Wichita Airport
- 24 – Thanksgiving Office Closed

December

- 21 - First Day of winter
- 25 – Christmas Office Closed
- 26 – Office Closed

Wagner Joins Board

In August Lester Wagner joined the Montgomery County Conservation District board of Supervisors.

He is filling the position left vacant after Gary Cotterill resigned and will be finishing out his three year term.

The Wagner family has been farming in Montgomery County for generations. “I’m the fifth generation farmer. My great, great grandfather moved to the Cherryvale area in 1873 and started farming. I came back to the farm in 2001 to start farming full time after working for a fertilizer company for 8 years,” Wagner said.



Wagner

“My spraying business, Pro-Ag Services provides custom application, scouting and recommendations of fertilizer and pesticides for area farmers. Crops include Soybeans, Corn, Wheat, Milo and Grass.”

He has been married to Crista for 18 years, she is the School Nurse for the Cherryvale School District. He has three children Jacob, a senior at Cherryvale High School, Kylee a junior at CHS and Clayton a fifth grader at Lincoln Central.

“I believe that it is a must in order to save our soils for the future generations and to protect the environment,” Wagner said.

Tremain on Board as Vice-Chair

Mike Tremain was elected to fill the vacant Vice Chair position at the August board meeting.

This is Tremain’s first term on the board and he has served two years of his three years term.

Tremain is a multi-generation farmer and has been farming in Montgomery County his entire life. He graduated from Caney Valley High School and has taken classes at Coffeyville Community College and Independence Community College.

He and his wife Karen, who works at Community National Bank in Caney, have two children Sol and Rebecca. They also have five grand-

children.

He works for Tom’s Ditching and Backhoe. He has served on the Farm Bureau board and currently serves on the Bee Creek watershed board. “I’ve been a volunteer firefighter for 30 years and have served on the rural fire board,” Tremain said.



Tremain

“I have been involved in conservation my whole life. It’s always been important to my family,” Tremain added.

Annual Meeting date set for February

The Montgomery County Conservation District annual meeting date is February 9, 2017. The meeting will start at 5 p.m.

We will be publishing more details in the Winter edition of our newsletter that will be published in December.

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Envirothon Comes to Southeast Kansas

Region five which includes all of Southeast Kansas has begun forming Envirothon teams.

Abby Carpenter, Neosho County Conservation District Manager, has been appointed as the region five Envirothon coordinator. “The Envirothon is an excellent learning experience for high school students and I am looking forward to being a part of it,” Carpenter said.

In Montgomery County, District Manager, Rob Morgan has begun working with Independence High School to form the first Envirothon team in the county. “I’m starting with Independence, because it will go good with the new Ag programs at the school,” said Morgan. “I plan to approach other schools in the county next year after I get a team started at Independence High School.”

Region five will be hosting a regional training day on November 2 at the Old Iron Club Grounds, 10392 Jade Road, east of Fredonia. The training day will start at 10 a.m. for students. At the event teams will have a chance to learn about the all five events at the Envirothon and help prepare them for competition

Envirothon is the premier environmental competition for high school students in North America. It provides the many benefits to students interested in our natural resources. It provides a hands-on learning experience in outdoor settings that builds on school curriculum, an interaction with professionals in natural resource and environmental fields, opportunities to meet and relate to students from other schools with similar interests and ambitions and a resume builder for college admissions and scholarships.

The Envirothon program involves competition at the regional, state and international levels. Teams consist of five students who work together to complete written tests over five topics—forestry, soils/land use, wildlife, aquatic ecology, and a current issue which changes from year to year. In addition to these tests, at the state and international levels, teams develop an oral presentation on a scenario related to the current issue.

Most Envirothon teams are composed of students from the same school, with a teacher as their advisor. These teams may be drawn from a science or environmental class or organization at the school. FFA programs also form teams, and national FFA contests in forestry and environmental science use state Envirothon’s as their qualifying events.

Envirothon teams can also represent a home-schooled group or local organization such as a 4-H club. Prior approval from the Kansas Envirothon Committee is required for these non-school groups to participate in the Kansas Envirothon events.

This year’s region five Envirothon will be April 5th. This event will have a strong educational component, and schools or sponsoring groups are allowed to enter up to five teams. One team from each school or group may advance to the Kansas

Envirothon competition on April 26th. The Kansas champion will participate in the North American Envirothon, where as many as 60 teams from Canada and the U.S. compete. In 2017 it will be in Mount St. Mary’s University in Emmitsburg, Maryland on July 23 through 29.

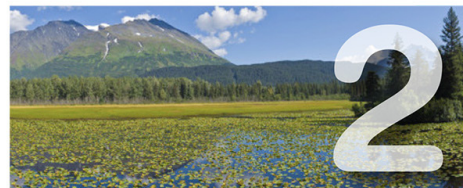
The Kansas Envirothon program is supported and coordinated by conservation districts, all teams must be affiliated with their local conservation district. Your local conservation district is your first point of contact for Envirothon in Kansas. Your conservation district manager can assist you with information about scheduled Envirothon events and direct you to study materials and resources. Conservation District and Natural Resources Conservation Service staff may also be able to assist with training teams. Registration for Envirothon events is done through the conservation district in your county. Most conservation districts cover the registration expenses for their teams.

The Kansas Envirothon website at www.kacdnet.org/KansasEnvirothon/ and the North American Envirothon website at www.envirothon.org are also good sources of information.



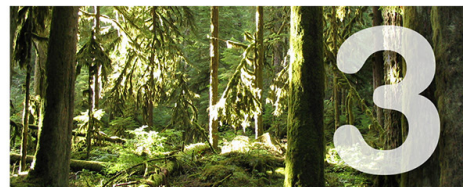
Soil and Land Use

Professional soil scientists help students learn about soil structure, interpret maps, and evaluate land forms, and soil characteristics that affect agriculture and development issues.



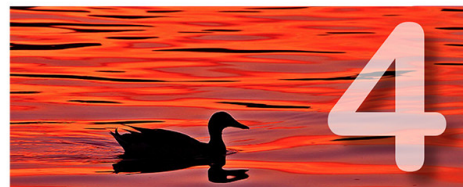
Aquatic Ecology

Students work with marine and freshwater biologists to assess the quality of delicate aquatic ecosystems. They also learn to identify aquatic organisms, manage watersheds, and determine non-point source pollution.



Forestry

Students develop an understanding of the practices for maintaining healthy forest ecosystems through the help of professional foresters. They learn the basics of species identification, forest structure and dynamics as well as management approaches.



Wildlife

A favorite for many Envirothon participants, students learn firsthand from wildlife experts about animal populations, their dynamics, and the importance of habitat conservation.



Environmental Issues

Challenged by field professionals, students work as a team to explore the facets of the current environmental issues and illustrate the complexity of real-life environmental decisions.

New District Manager assumed duties in June

Former photojournalist for the Independence Daily Reporter takes over as District Manager.

Rob Morgan started at the Montgomery County Conservation District in late June. You may have seen him roaming the sidelines at various sporting events, walking along a parade route or at any of the many functions in the area with camera in hand. For the past 15 years he has worked as a photographer for the Independence Daily Reporter.

He is married to Leann and has a son Jakob, a daughter Chloe and two stepsons Tim and Cody Johnson.

"I looking forward to working with the board, farmers and landowners in Montgomery County," Morgan said.

"Rob brings a lot of talent and enthusiasm to the position. We

are looking forward to working with local schools, especially the new envirothon program," Doug Blex, Montgomery County Conservation District Board Chairperson, said.

In addition to putting out this newsletter he will be working with the local producers on state cost share programs here in Montgomery County.

He will also be working with local school districts providing educational opportunities, with the annual poster contest, Envirothon and conservation education programs.



MCCCD 72 years of local Conservation

The Montgomery County Conservation District (MCCCD) is a political subdivision of the State of Kansas and is administered by a five member, elected board of supervisors who function as volunteers. The board members serve a staggered three year term to provide continuity on the board and maintain operational consistency. Anyone who is a resident of Montgomery County is eligible to run for Board Supervisor. The Board of Supervisors have the ethical and legal responsibility to ensure the MCCCD meets its mission, set direction for the staff and make decisions regarding conservation within the county.

The Montgomery County Conservation District is funded by the Board of County Commissioners, upon request of the Board of Supervisors of the Conservation District, may pay to the district moneys from the county general fund. The State will match what the county allocates up to \$25,000.

Severe soil erosion problems during the Dust Bowl prompted the passage of the Conservation District Law by the Kansas legislature in 1937. This legislation led to the formation of conservation districts in Kansas. The first Conservation District was formed in Labette County in 1938, Montgomery county was formed in 1946 and the last, Shawnee County, in 1954. Through the years additional natural resources conservation challenges have emerged. Across the state, 105 Conservation Districts (one in every county) provide local leadership by helping local people address local natural resource needs.

The Conservation District is the primary local unit of government responsible for the conservation of soil, water and related

natural resources within the county boundary. Kansas Conservation Districts are political subdivisions of state government charged with this vital role. Funding comes from county and state allocations, with some districts generating funds by providing conservation goods and services.

The district's governing board is comprised of five elected local citizens known as supervisors. They establish local priorities, set policy and administer non-regulatory conservation programs during monthly board meetings. The supervisors, although serving as public officials, do not draw a salary. Conservation District employee(s) are hired by the supervisors to provide day-to-day coordination of district activities.

Each Conservation District has an annual meeting either in January or February where the public are invited to come listen about the accomplishments of the district and learn more about the programs offered in the county. Also, an election is conducted for the position(s) of supervisor to fill the expired three-year term. In this election, every qualified elector residing in the county is eligible to vote.

Conservation Districts address a wide range of environmental concerns, those interests include agricultural and urban erosion, sediment control, water quality, water quantity, range and pasture management, fish and wildlife habitat, and other natural resource management issues. Conservation Districts work cooperatively with local citizens to solve local conservation problems. This benefits both the agricultural community and **Continued Page 7 Districts**

Work begins on new Plat Book for County

The Montgomery County Conservation District has begun working with Mapping Solution to produce a new Plat Book for the County.

The book includes aerial view maps opposite the land ownership map pages. The spiral-bound book features township and range maps of Montgomery County. These maps include the property boundaries for all rural parcels within the township, the name of the owner and the number of acres owned. Also, there is a handy landowner index for easy cross referencing.

General and contact information regarding Montgomery County Conservation District as well as an updated County government directory are included. There is an explanation of the public land survey system included as an added bonus.

This information is valuable to anyone with a need to know who owns land in Montgomery County, prospective or adjoining property owners, hunters, foresters, timber and petroleum industry, emergency services and many others would be interested in having a copy.

Currently District Manager Rob Morgan is hard at work selling ads and gathering information and photos for the book. The district plans to have a pre-sale sometime in October. The book will be sold for \$30 each with proceeds from the book going to fund the districts many education programs for both adults and students in Montgomery County.

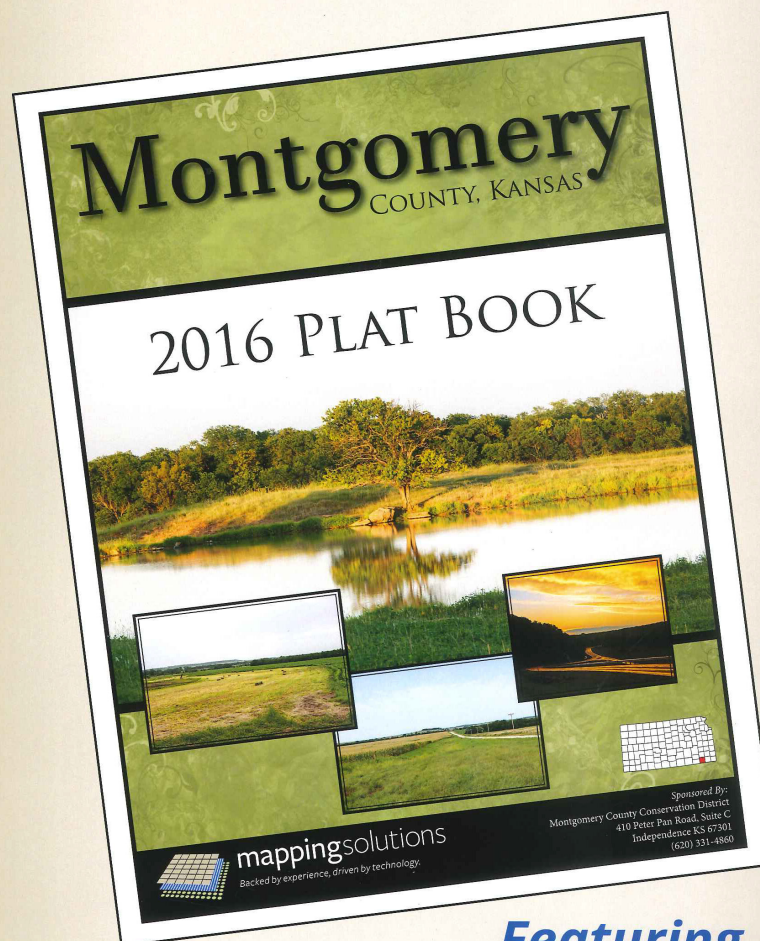
To reserve a copy of the book contact Rob Morgan at the Montgomery County Conservation District office 410 Peter Pan Road or call (620)331-4860 ext 3.

**Montgomery County has 1,012 farms
Using 335,669 acres.**

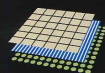
**Accounting for \$79.4 million in crops
and Livestock sales in 2012**

According to the USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture

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Women in AG event a success



Doug Blex Montgomery County Conservation District Board Chairman and Heidi Clenkingbeard, FSA, help with registration.



Melissa Ryan, Technician for Natural Resource Conservation Service, talks about the importance and use of terraces for Soil Conservation.



Jane Koger spoke about her career in Ag.



David Stephen, technician for the NRCS, talked about pond maintenance.

Women from all over southeast Kansas converged on Independence for the Women in Ag event at Independence Community College West Campus Wednesday Aug. 17.

The event was sponsored by the Montgomery, Wilson, Chautauqua and Elk County Conservation Districts, Kansas State Research and Extension office, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency. (FSA) The event drew 75 women and a few husbands from South East Kansas, coming from as far away as Pittsburg, Winfield, Erie and Tulsa.

The NRCS opened up the day by talking to the women about building a conservation plan, also they gave presentation on the importance of waterways, terraces, spring developments and a new practice known as seasonal high tunnels.

Farm Service Agency gave a presentation on Non-Insured Disaster Assistance Program, Farm Loan Programs and about their county committee elections.

Jeri Geren with the Kansas State Research and Extension office talked about Agricultural leases.

Geren answered questions such as, "Who is responsible? Lessee are responsible for everything that happens

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Currently Women occupy Full and part time position in Ag

Nation ---- 31%

Kansas ---- 28%



Jeri Geren, K-State Research and Extension, gave a lecture on landowner rights and Leases.



Ashley Stiffarm, Kansas Forest Service, who is new to the region introduces herself to the crowd.



Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies talk about drug use in Montgomery County.



Chad Dunham, Detective with the Montgomery County Sheriff's office holds up a \$300 bag of meth while talking with women about what to look for and avoid if you suspect illegal activity on your property.

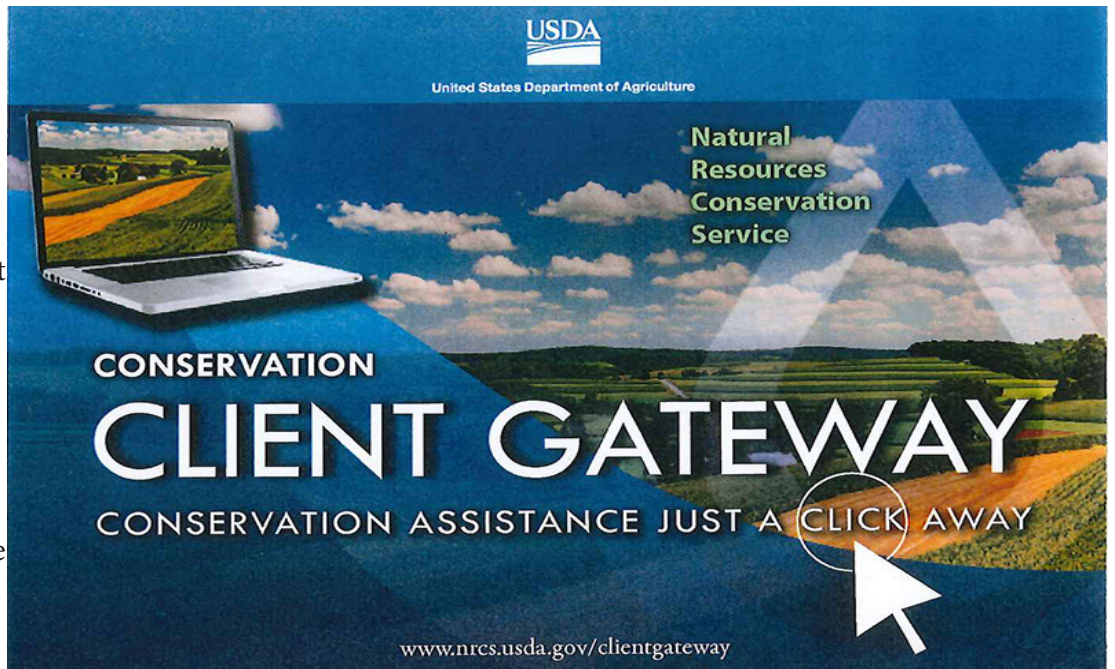
Top Three Time-Saving Advantages of NRCS' Conservation Client Gateway

Farmers put in long days. Driving to the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office every time paperwork needs to be signed is not always productive. With Conservation Client Gateway, a producer can do most of their business with NRCS online. Farmers using Conservation Client Gateway find these three things to be the most advantageous for them.

- Advantage 1—Sign documents electronically. It is a secure way to sign contracts online. Viewing and printing documents at the farmer's convenience saves time. Plus, everything is logically organized and easy to find. For many farmers that have a long drive to the USDA office, or have multiple projects going on with no time to spare, this feature is a tremendous time saver.
- Advantage 2—Keep track of payments. Everyone wants to know when they are getting paid. With Conservation Client Gateway, you can get payment status online without the need for a phone call or waiting for a call back.
- Advantage 3—Request conservation practice certification or technical assistance. Submitting certification online speeds up the process—no need for a special trip to the USDA Service Center. And by asking technical questions online, NRCS is better able to reply with more detailed information that can be read online and available to go back to anytime.

“Many farmers in the surrounding states have really appreciated its time-saving features – use is growing in Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, and Texas. Over 1,700 farmers are using this nationwide. We'd like to see Kansas farmers adopt this to help them get more time back in their day,” says Eric B. Banks, Kansas NRCS State Conservationist. We have new initiatives underway to get the word out and show how easy Conservation Client Gateway is to use. Farmers can expect to see more demonstrations at partner events and field demonstrations this year. Saving time, being more productive, and most of all convenience—we hope our farmers and ranchers explore the possibilities with this application.

More information about Conservation Client Gateway can be found online at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/ and clicking on the Conser-



vation Client Gateway banner on the main page.

Learn more about NRCS or find your local field office by visiting the Kansas NRCS Web site (www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov/). Follow us on Twitter @NRCS_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

About the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

“Black Sunday” on April 14, 1935, is known as the worst dust storm in American history. After moving across Kansas, the dust cloud reached Washington, D.C. the next day. Congress took action. President Roosevelt signed the bill creating the Soil Conservation Service on April 27, 1935. Now called the Natural Resources Conservation Service, we have a deeply held vision of a nation where use of resources is guided by a widely shared and heartfelt stewardship ethic. Our approach starts with talking one-on-one with the landowner to understand their goals and then applying science-based conservation practices to create a plan to fix problems such as soil health, grazing capacity, water and wind erosion, wildlife preservation, or wetland management. NRCS is here to help people help the land to sustain their livelihood now and for the future.

KSU Extension Office hosting dining with diabetes classes

Barbara Ames with the K-State Research and Extension office will be presenting a Dining with Diabetes workshop. Beginning on October 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and ending on November 9 with a reunion session on February 15, 2017.

Ames will be teaching on planning meals, cook demonstration, motivation and support, more activity and understanding how diabetes affects your overall health.

Registration is \$25 and is required by Wednesday October 5. Space is limited.

To register call the Wildcat Extension District in Independence at 620-331-2690 or e-mail Ames at bames@ksu.edu



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society as a whole. Clean water and productive soil are basic to our quality of life now and in the future.

Because conservation districts are citizen-directed organizations, they are practical partners to coordinate local, state and federal initiatives to protect natural resources and enhance water quality. In addition to local programs, conservation districts administer the state cost-share programs which provide financial assistance to landowners to install conservation practices. Conservation district employees work closely with employees of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and cooperate with other federal and state agencies to help protect and conserve natural resources in

Kansas.

Conservation districts provide information and education to landowners, schools and the general public about soil and water conservation issues. Many districts have equipment available to rent that promotes conservation by preventing erosion and improving water quality. This equipment may include grass drills, tree planters and no-till seeders. Services and activities vary with each conservation district.

Please contact your conservation district for program availability or to see how you can become more involved in conserving soil and water for future generations.

Producers encouraged to visit FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report

2016 ACREAGE REPORTING OF PRF AND PERENNIAL FORAGE (GRASS INTENDED FOR GAZING OR HAY due)

In order to comply with FSA program eligibility requirements, all producers are encouraged to visit the Montgomery/Chautauqua County FSA office to file an accurate crop certification report by the applicable deadline for PRF/Perennial Forage. Programs that require certification of PRF and/or Perennial Forage include the Non insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP), Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage Program (PLC).

Perennial Forage includes but is not limited to grass, alfalfa, birdsfoot trefoil, clover and mixed forage intended for hay or grazing. PRF includes acreage insured as PRF with crop insurance.

The acreage reporting deadline for PRF/Perennial Forage for Montgomery/Chautauqua County is November 15th. The following exceptions apply to the above acreage reporting date:

- If the crop has not been planted by the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is complete.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the above acreage reporting date, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.
- If a perennial forage crop is reported with the intended use of "cover only," "green manure," "left standing" or "seed," then the acreage must be reported by July 15th.

NAP policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP covered crops is the earlier of the dates listed above or 15 calendar days before grazing or harvesting of the crop begins.

For questions regarding crop certification and crop loss reports, please contact the Montgomery/Chautauqua County FSA office at 620-331-4860 ext 2.



Cutoff for EQIP coming in November

Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for 2017

By Jodi Cushenbery, Supervisory District Conservationist

Friday, November 18th is the cutoff date for fiscal year 2017 General EQIP and Initiatives applications. Private landowners are eligible to sign up if they meet the agriculture producer requirement for EQIP. Applications for EQIP funds are accepted on a continuing basis; however, applications received after November 18th will be processed in the next evaluation period. Applications are batch after the set cutoff date for funding, November 18th. After the cutoff date there is a ranking completed for each application under the category applied for and funds are dispersed to projects with the highest scores in each category such as grazing lands, water quality, forest land health, wildlife, seasonal high tunnels, etc.

You may be thinking, how do I get started? It all starts with a plan. The first step is to contact the NRCS office. After visiting with the office and sharing your concerns, interests, goals, etc. an appointment will be made to visit the property you are interested in receiving technical and financial assistance. After the property is looked at and your concerns and goals are discussed a conservation plan will be developed. A conservation plan combines the farming and ranching skills and goals of the land user with the science-based knowledge and tools of the conservation planner. It is a guide to what will take place on the farm or ranch regarding con-

servation work. The time line and practices to implement as well as the installation methods are spelled out specifically in the conservation plan. A conservation plan not only addresses the proper installation of new conservation practices, it also addresses proper maintenance of existing practices to ensure that they function and perform as originally intended. A detail map of the planning area is developed along with descriptions of the soils present on the farm or ranch. Additional resource maps and plans may be developed based upon land use and resource concern.

After the conservation plan is developed, reviewed and agreed upon, NRCS staff will determine if you are eligible for financial assistance. If financial assistance is pursued, a draft contract will be developed outlining the time frame to implement the practices and the financial assistance that will be reimbursed. The draft contract will be reviewed and discussed with the applicant. The application will be ranked and go through a process of reviews. If an application is accepted the draft contract will become a legally binding contract to be signed by the applicant if they choose to enter into an EQIP contract.

Developing a quality conservation plan takes time. The sooner you make the request to your local NRCS field office, the sooner you will be on your way to addressing any natural resource concerns on your farm or ranch. Technical assistance is provided free of charge to landowners and operators.

For further information or to schedule a planning appointment, contact the NRCS staff or conservation district staff at (620) 331-4860 x3. Information is available on the Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter @NRCS_Kansas. NRCS is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



A dozer builds a new terraces south east of Independence. The Montgomery County District helped fund the Terraces with a 50% cost share through Water Resource funding from the State of Kansas.

Women in Ag from Page 5

on the property while the property is under lease.”

The Montgomery County Sheriff department presented a program on Meth Awareness. Law enforcement showed the woman a sample bag of Meth with a street value of around \$300. Deputies pointed out that if they find suspicious trash on their property they should not handle it and call the sheriff’s department.

Jane Koger ended the day giving a speech on her life as a women rancher and living in the flint hills. Her “Republic of Grass.”

The home and ranch she built in Chase County that sits on property her great-grandparents had originally homesteaded before selling it in 1915 and moving away. Therefore she named her ranch “Homestead Ranch.”

She talked with those in attendance about her transition as a

livestock producer to a grass manager.

The undisturbed prairie, “prairie that has not seen a plow,” Koger said, has four major grass species and as many as 400 different species of native plants. There are about 240 species of birds, 45 types of mammals, 12 species of butterflies and insects and bees to numerous to count .

“We forget to listen to prairie chickens on their booming ground when we’re focused on the heifers that are calving,” she said. “I have to remind myself the national park service thinks the lands important enough to preserve. By setting aside land in the, “National Tall Grass Prairie Reserve,” My ranch is just as important. The flora and fauna that is identical and my job is to be a steward of that ecosystem.

What Can I Do? Be an Earth Team Volunteer

By Jan M. Klaus, Earth Team Coordinator
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Hays, Kansas



Kansas Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a volunteer program called Earth Team that may be just what you are looking for. Kansas NRCS offices are always looking for volunteers to assist with their mission of “Helping People Help the Land.” During 2013, 2,560 citizens volunteered their time and talents to the Kansas NRCS and the conservation districts. These volunteers donated 19,190 hours. More than a few of these people were first time volunteers and probably thought, “What can I do?” Well, no matter what your talents, interests, age, or physical ability, there is a volunteer opportunity for you. Here are a few examples:

- Schools benefit from conservation tours, exhibits, poster contests, and festivals. Volunteers are needed to help organize events, conduct classes, take pictures, cook food, write news articles, and chaperon students. And lastly, one of the most appreciated jobs a volunteer can do is support staff and save them time and steps.
- Town and community groups benefit from educational meetings and publications. Volunteers are needed to present programs and speak about conservation issues. Volunteers with a history in writing can produce publications and artwork.
- Field office support is needed. This can include opportunities assisting with monthly newsletters, judging poster and essay contests,

phone and office support when staff is not available, and lastly, clerical assistance to help organize and file.

- Working in the outdoors presents many other opportunities for volunteers. Outdoor activities include assisting the professional staff as they work directly with farmers and ranchers. Volunteers can take notes and assist with survey equipment, take natural resource inventories, and assist in improving wildlife habitats. It is important to preserve habitat for pheasant, quail, prairie chicken, and many other native wildlife species that inhabit farms and ranches.
- Other outdoor activities that need volunteer assistance are the planning of community beautification and projects for water quality and erosion control. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and can be the essential link in developing programs which benefit their own community.

Volunteers are needed and appreciated. If you would like to join other Kansas residents who already donate their time to conserve and protect our natural resources, visit your local NRCS office or conservation district office to learn more about being an Earth Team volunteer. The office is located at your local USDA Service Center (listed in the telephone book under United States Government or on the internet at offices.usda.gov). More information is also available on the Kansas Web site at www.ks.nrcs.usda.gov. Follow us on Twitter @NRCS_Kansas. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Auxiliary being formed for District

The Montgomery County Conservation District is forming an Auxiliary. The group will be made up of volunteers. The duties of the volunteers will be to assist the district with education programs throughout Montgomery County. Some of the activities the Auxiliary will be involved in is manning a booth at the fairs, helping with events like Soil Conservation Day, Wildflower tours, Envirothon Team and education program in schools.

If you would like to become a volunteer contact your Montgomery County Conservation District Manger Rob Morgan phone (620)331 4860 ext. 3 or e-mail robert.morgan@ks.nrcdnet.net.

Conservation District Services

The Montgomery County Conservation District owns conservation field equipment available

For rent to Montgomery County

Landowner and operators

To rent

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(620)205-3020 ext. 3

Or e-mail: robert.morgan@ks.nacdnet.net

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Deposit of \$100 due with the signing of the contract. This deposit is refundable upon timely return of the undamaged drill and payment of use fees are paid

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- After the allowable days, a charge of \$40 per day will be levied
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\$10 per/bundle (100 flag in a bundle)
Or \$.15 each**

"Funding provided by the Department of Conservation through appropriation from the Kansas Water Plan Fund".

The Montgomery County Conservation District prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital status. Montgomery County Conservation District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Lifetime Members

Barta Animal Hospital ~ 2014

Bartlett Co-op Assoc. ~ 2015

Doug & Meggin Blex ~ 2013

Bob Casey ~ 2014

Knisley Trust ~ 2013

Cotterill Ranch, LLC ~ Gary, Marie and Rex ~ 2013

Aaron & Kristi Ewing ~ 2013

Gillman Dozer Service ~ Chris Gillman ~ 2013

Gillman Dozer Service ~ Roger Gillman ~ 2013

Gordon Farms ~ 2014

Gordon Trust ~ Carolyn Gordon ~ 2014

Greer Farms, Inc. ~ Jim Greer ~ 2015

Huneycutt Farms ~ James & Laverna

Huneycutt Trust ~ 2013

R & D Cattle Company, LLC ~ 2013

Liebert Brothers Electric ~ 2013

Liebert & Vannoster Families ~ 2013

Meyer Family Farms ~ Charlene Swearingen ~ 2014

Mitchell Acres, LLC ~ Jack, Dean & Michael ~ 2014

Montgomery County Commission ~ 2015

Muller Construction, Inc. ~ 2013

Mark & Lisa Muller ~ 2013

Rau Cattle, LLC ~ Leon & Lois ~ 2013

Reardon Farms ~ Buck & Jean Reardon Memorial ~ 2013

Reardon Farms ~ Rex Reardon ~ 2013

Randall & Nicole Small ~ 2015

J.D. Rector ~ 2016

Sherwin Farms ~ Jack Sherwin, Gail &

Donna Leyda, Linda Caputo ~ 2016

Joe & Bev Smith ~ 2013

Larry Smith ~ 2015

Quality Motors ~ Independence ~ 2016

Springer Family Food, LLC ~ 2015

Theiss Dozing ~ Ed & Wes ~ 2013

Triple D Seed ~ Dwayne & Melinda DeTar ~ 2016

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