

# Conservation Profile

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## Thank You!

The District thanks Key Banker, **Garrett Holaday**, from Landmark National Bank of Auburn. We also thank all those making donations of to help defray the cost of the annual meeting. Contributors through December 10 include:

### Diamond Supporters:

- Kaw Valley Heating & Cooling
- Landmark National Bank
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- Silver Lake Bank

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- Shawnee Co. Farm Bureau Association

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- Free State Electric Co-op
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- Stockgrowers State Bank

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- Lone Pine Ag-Service
- Tarwater Farm & Home Supply



## Sixty-eighth Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars to celebrate with us at the 68th annual meeting of the Shawnee County Conservation District on February 1, 2023. It will be held at *The Brownstone*, 4020 NW 25th Street, Topeka, KS. The lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Reservations are limited to seating space. Please see below to make your reservations.

The Conservation District will conduct an election of two supervisors. The term of the position held by John Kabus and Wayne Lukert will expire. All legal residents of Shawnee County 18 years of age or older and who are U. S. citizens, are eligible to serve on the board of supervisors as well as vote in the election. **Nominations will be welcomed from the floor** at the Annual Meeting. Please be sure that anyone you nominate has agreed to serve if elected. Election will be by secret ballot.

Highlights of the Conservation District and NRCS field office activities will be on the program along with presentation of two Kansas Banker Awards for Soil Conservation and the conservation poster contest results.

The Conservation District will have a drawing for a door prize of a framed wildlife print by artist Jerry Thomas. (Must be present to win.)

There are several ways to make your reservations:

- Clip and mail the coupon below
- E-mail [sccd@scddistrict.com](mailto:sccd@scddistrict.com)
- Message us on Facebook.
- Call the office at (785) 338-7182. Voicemail is available.

### Return this to reserve your meals

Annual Meeting Luncheon- February 1, 2023-11:30 a.m.  
 Mail to: Shawnee County Conservation District  
 3231 SW Van Buren St., Topeka, 66611 *due January 18, 2023*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending \_\_\_\_\_



## Free Events this Winter!

### SAVE THE DATE!

*Saturday, MARCH 25, 2023*

### STATEWIDE WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE WORKSHOP

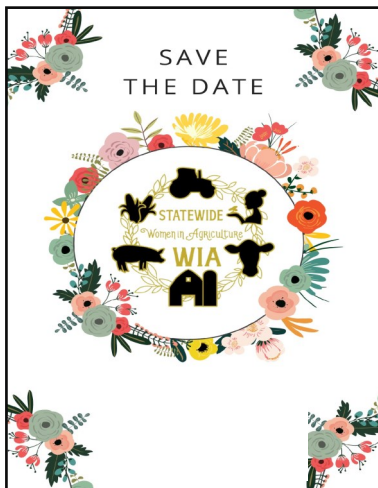
*CORNING COMMUNITY HALL  
CORNING, KANSAS*

*8:30 am—3:00 pm*

HOSTED BY:  
JACKSON, NEMAHA,  
POTTAWATOMIE AND SHAWNEE  
COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

**Light Breakfast  
and  
Lunch Served**

**Great Speakers!  
Door Prizes!**



### Coffee, Cookies & Conversation Series 2023



#### **Stress and Resiliency**

Thursday, January 19, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Shawnee County Farm Bureau Office, 3801 SW Wanamaker  
Speaker: Rebecca McFarland, Wellness Agent at KSU

#### **USDA/FPAC Partnerships**

Tuesday, January 24, 1:00-3:00 pm  
United Methodist Church, Berryton  
Speakers: TBD

#### **Farm Management**

Thursday, February 9, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Shawnee County Extension Office, 1740 SW Western Ave  
Speaker: TBD

#### **Farm Transition**

Thursday, February 16, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Shawnee County Extension Office, 1740 SW Western Ave  
Speaker: TBD

#### **Soil Health Field Site Visit**

Tuesday, February 28, 1:00-3:00 pm  
Crooked Post Ranch, K-4/ SW 41st St.  
Speaker: Candy Thomas, NRCS

The District is co-hosting the  
*Coffee, Cookies & Conversation Series\**  
along with the K-State Research and Extension Service  
of Shawnee County with assistance from the Natural Re-  
sources Conservation Service (NRCS) .

Please RSVP:  
Call 785-232-0062 or email [kacib@ksu.edu](mailto:kacib@ksu.edu).



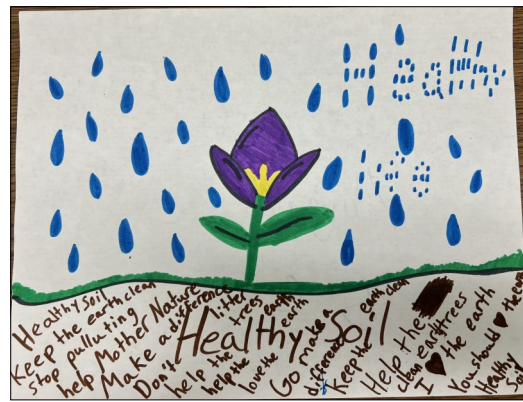
\*Titles, locations and dates of  
events may change.

*Thank You to our Sponsors!*



## Conservation Poster Contest!

The District held its conservation poster contest this past fall. The contest is an annual event, however we have not had participants for the past few years. This year there were 14 entries. Although that number is low, all the posters were fantastic! Top honors goes to Abigail, a fourth grader from St. Matthew's Catholic School. (below).



The theme this year was "Healthy Soil, Healthy Life". Thank you to our supervisors for being the judges!

All entries will be on display and awards will be presented at our Annual Meeting.

**Thank you to Christy Ronsse for 30 years of service to the Shawnee County NRCS and her assistance with conservation projects for the District!**



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*Christy is retiring at the end of 2022. Her last day in the office will be December 29th.*

**SHAWNEE COUNTY  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

RJ Dake.....Chairman  
David Drimmel.....Vice-Chair  
Francis Kelsey.....Treasurer  
Wayne Lukert.....Member  
John Kabus.....Member

**District Staff:**

Chalee Braun.....Manager

**NATURAL RESOURCES  
CONSERVATION SERVICE**

**FIELD OFFICE STAFF:**

Sara Bassett.....District Conservationist  
Christy Ronsse...Conservation Technician

**OFFICE HOURS:**

**8:00 - 4:30 M-F**

**Closed Federal Holidays**

**3231 SW Van Buren Street  
Topeka, KS 66611-2469  
(785) 338-9946**

The Conservation District Board meetings are held the first Monday of every month and are open to the public. Please call for time and place.

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All programs and services of the SCCD are available without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, marital status, age, or handicap.

**THINKING ABOUT ANY OF THE BELOW FOR 2023 ?**

- | Removing trees around a crop field that will increase planted acres
- | Removing trees for better access to a crop field
- | Changing the brome or Hay field to a commodity crop field
- | Improve a fields existing drainage system
- | Create a new drainage system in a crop or pasture field.....

THEN

| Contact NRCS before you start at 785-338-7183

WHY?

| Those listed actions can cause a USDA participant some headaches if reported after the activity.

*Sara Bassett, NRCS District Conservationist*

**Showtime!**

Plan to attend the **Topeka Farm Show**. It is scheduled for January 10-12, 2023.

Located at the Stormont Vail Events Center (formerly known as the Kansas Expo Centre).

We hope to see you there!



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