

Conservation Profile

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Thank You!

The District thanks Key Banker, **Garrett Holaday**, from Landmark National Bank of Auburn and **Leroy Russell** of the K-State Research and Extension Service of Shawnee County. We also thank all those making donations of to help defray the cost of the 68th annual meeting.

Diamond Supporters:

- Kaw Valley Heating & Cooling
- Landmark National Bank
- LBB, LLC Tree & Brush Removal
- R.D. White Landscaping & Unloader Service
- Silver Lake Bank

Prime Supporter:

- Shawnee County Farm Bureau Association

Choice Supporters:

- Denison State Bank
- Evergry
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- Frontier Farm Credit
- J.B. Pearl Sales & Service
- Stockgrowers State Bank

Quality Supporters:

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

Annual Conservation Awards



**2022 Soil Conservation Banker's Award:
Gary Gilbert of Woodlawn Farms**



**2022 Soil Conservation Banker's Award:
Bob and Norma Lynch**

GOOD LAND STEWARDS WANTED!

Do you know a good steward of the land that is deserving of recognition? The District is accepting nominations for awards in the following categories: buffer, energy conservation, grassland management, outstanding young conservationist, soil conservation, water conservation, water quality and/or quantity, wildlife habitat and windbreak.

Annual Cost-Share Sign-up Begins

The Shawnee County Conservation District is taking FY-2024 Water Resources and Non-Point Source (NPS) state cost-share applications beginning April 14, 2023. Applications will be accepted until funds are exhausted. Once applications are received, they will be prioritized within a group based on a point system designed solely for water quality. Approval will be made at the July board meeting assuming technical assistance is available to meet this deadline. Projects already started or completed are *not* eligible for funding.

The cost-share for practices funded at a set payment rate up to the project limit which varies upon the type of project. Funding will not exceed landowner actual cost. Some areas of the county are designated as high priority.


Please call (785) 338-9946 for more details on Cost-Share programs and application details. All practices must be properly maintained for a minimum of ten years. *Funding provided by the Kansas Department of Agriculture/Division of Conservation through appropriations from the Kansas Water Fund.*

Cost-Share information and applications can also be found on our website at www.sccdistrict.com

Look under the "Financial Assistance" tab

FY-2024 Water Resources Cost-Share Practices Examples

- Abandoned Water-Well Pluggings
- Erosion and Sediment Control
 - Grassed Waterways
 - Residue & Tillage Management
 - Terraces
 - Underground Outlets
 - Water & Sediment Control Basin
- Nutrient Management
 - Grid Sampling Only
- Pasture and Rangeland Management
 - Cross Fencing
 - Ponds
 - Water Well
- Riparian Practices
 - Spring Developments
 - Windbreaks/ Shelterbelts
 - Mulching
- Soil Health
 - Cover Crops



FY-2024 NPS Cost-Share Practices Examples

- Most practices included in Water Resources Program
- (Complete) Failing On-Site Waste Water Systems
- Irrigation Water Management

The Shawnee County Conservation District was a co-host for the *Women in Agriculture/ The Heart of the Farm* Event held in Corning on March 25th. Approximately 200 women and 8 men attended the day long workshop. Eight speakers on topics relating to agriculture of all types were enjoyed.



Amanda Radke



Dana Schmelzle



Kim Bremmer



Anna Baker



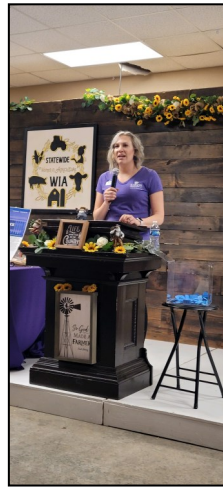
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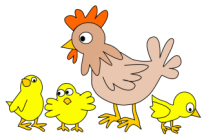
Kelsey Allen



Erin Tynon



Jessica Gnad



Kansas Range Youth Camp

June 13-16, 2023

Sponsored by:



If **YOU** are interested in plants, livestock, or wildlife, attend an educational event like no other in Kansas!

- Participants:** Upcoming High School Sophomores, Juniors, & Seniors
- Location:** Camp Mennoch, Murdock, KS (in Kingman County)
- Learning:** Range Plant Identification, Plant Growth, Stocking Rate Determinations, Livestock Nutrition, Rangeland Wildlife Management, and much more!
- Special Items:** Field Trips, Steak Dinner
- Activities:** Swimming, Canoeing, Fishing, & Hiking
- Tuition:** \$250 per participant*

*Interested students should contact their local Conservation District, Extension Office, Farm Bureau office, livestock association, and/or other local business for possible financial assistance.



Educating Kansas youth
for over 50 years!



Contact: Courtney Jackson, Kansas Range Youth Camp Chairman
116 Fox Street, Council Grove, KS 66846—620-767-5111—courtney.jackson@usda.gov

The District will offer two full scholarships to this camp, please call the office for more information.

THE DISTRICT IS HIRING!!!

District Manager

The District Manager performs various administrative duties for the Shawnee County Conservation District located in the USDA Service Center in Topeka, Kansas.

This position administers and carries out policies and operates within the guidelines set forth by the Board of Supervisors in an organized and effective manner. The District Manager provides day-to-day coordination of District activities unsupervised and serves as the District's representative to other agencies, organizations and the general public which entails conservation education. In addition to working for the District, the District Manager shall, within the range of duties and hours of work set by the Board of Supervisors, be directed to provide support services for the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) located in the same office.

This position is classified as permanent full time with salary and benefits agreed upon by the Board of Supervisors. Weekday and daytime are the primary work hours with occasional evenings, weekends and overnight stays. The District Manager will need to hold a valid driver's license with mileage reimbursement available during official District duties.

Knowledge of conservation practices preferred, but not required. General knowledge of office procedures, computer software (Word, Excel, PowerPoint & Publisher) and bookkeeping procedures using *Quickbooks* is preferred but training will be provided.

Please contact the Shawnee County Conservation District at (785) 338-7182 or any board member for more information. Voicemail is available. All inquiries can also email sccd@scddistrict.com.

Applications will be taken until the position is filled.

**SHAWNEE COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

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

District Staff:

Chalee Braun.....Manager
Vacant.....Technician

**NATURAL RESOURCES
CONSERVATION SERVICE**

FIELD OFFICE STAFF:

Sara Bassett.....District Conservationist

**OFFICE HOURS:
8:00 - 4:30 M-F
Closed Federal Holidays**

**SW Van Buren Street
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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.



Appreciation Breakfast

The District held an Appreciation Breakfast on March 2, 2023 to present sponsors their 2022 Annual Meeting recognition awards.

It was held at the Perkins Restaurant in Topeka.

Election Results

The Board of Supervisors 2023 election of officers resulted in RJ Dake as chair, John Kabus as vice-chair and Francis Kelsey as Treasurer. David Drimmel and Wayne Lukert remain members of the board.

WANT TO GO PAPERLESS?
Did you know our newsletter is on our website? If you'd rather not receive a paper copy or have the newsletter emailed to you—please let us know!!!

The District has a website: sccd@sccdistrict.com

We're also on Facebook!



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