



Barber County Conservation District

2015

A Year At A Glance

2014 Annual Meeting

- **Heritage Center, Medicine Lodge, KS**
- **Election Of Two Supervisors:**
 - Calvin Boyd**
 - Georgi Dawson**
- **Poster Contest Winners**
- **Banker's Conservation Award Winners**

Conservation Tree Planting Program

District Cooperates With Kansas Forest Service To Offer Low-Cost Tree And Shrub Seedlings For Use In Conservation Plantings. Orders Are Taken From Early December Through May 1, But Order Early to Insure Species Availability.



Successful EQIP Sign-Up

- **November Application Deadline**
- **Assisted NRCS With Clerical Support**
 - **Received 21 EQIP Applications**
 - **CSP Applications Are Still Being Accepted And Considered For FY 2016 Funding**

EQIP

- **Funded 8 New Contracts In The Amount Of \$631,100 For Improving Soil Quality In Cropland and Grasslands Health & Vigor, Providing Livestock Water, & Improving Wildlife Habitat (Brush Management, Prescribed Burning, Livestock Water Pipelines, Wells, Tanks, Prescribed Grazing Incentives, Cross-Fencing, Cover Crops, Waterways, No-till)**



CSP

- **Funded 7 New CSP Contracts In The Amount Of \$911,610 For Maintaining and Improving Existing Conservation Systems and Adopting Additional Practices** (Use Drift Reducing Irrigation Nozzles, Watering Facility Escape Ramps, Monitoring Grazing Areas To Improve Management, Rotation and Supplement of Feeding Areas)



Conservation Accomplishments

- **Practices Applied To Benefit Soil Quality On 2,398 Acres**
- **Practices Applied To Benefit Water Quality On 13,946 Acres**
- **Practices Applied To Benefit Grazing Lands On 16,117 Acres**
- **Practices Applied To Benefit Wildlife Habitat On 84 Acres**

2015 Stewardship Week

April 26 – May 3

- **Theme – “Local Heroes –
Your Hard Working Pollinators”**
- **Churches And Educators Take
Advantage Of Free Stewardship
Materials Offered By The Conservation
District.**

Spring Wildflower Tour

May 9 was a delightful day as forty-eight guests gathered on the Barber County prairies to see an abundance of native wildflowers. The day was cut short by a very welcome rain, but no one seemed to mind as we directed them to “see the sights” in historic Medicine Lodge.



CoCoRaHS

**Community Collaborative
Rain, Hail and Snow
Network**

**Recognizing The
Importance Of Accurate
Data Collection And
Reporting, The District
Acts As County
Coordinator For
CoCoRaHS.**

**District Station Reported
32.59" In 2015**



Water Resources Cost Share Program

Sign-up - April 1 – April 30

- **Funds Received July 1 - \$17,621.00**
- **August Reallocation - \$1,626.00**
- **December Reallocation - \$1,682.51**



WRCSP Allocations

Livestock Water Developments - \$17,736.12

Practices Included:

- **Water Supply Pipeline**
- **Pumping Plants for Water Supply**
- **Watering Facilities**
- **Water Wells**

Range Planting - \$3,193.30

Non-Point Source Pollution Control Program (NPS)

Fund Allocation - \$13,698.00

- Livestock Water Developments-\$8,014.00**
- On Site Waste System - \$5,684.00**



No-Till Education Funds

District Engaged In Funding Opportunity For Barber County Producer And District Supervisor To Attend No-Till On The Plains Winter Conference.



Soil Health Education Funds

District Received Grant For Prescribed Burn Bus Tour in August. Participants Toured Four Ranches to See Effects of 2015 Spring Burns.



www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com

The Conservation District Is On The Web!

**Lots Of Information Available On Everything
From The Wildflower Tour – Cost Share –
Products for Sale – The Newsletter – NRCS
Programs – Contractors List – Youth &
Education Activities And Winners.**

Check Us Out @

www.barbercountyconservationdistrict.com



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Barber County Fair

July 23-26

This Year's Booth Highlighted Youth & Education Activities The District Is Involved With In Barber County.



Fair

**Special Emphasis on
Soil Health.**

**Coloring Contest
Gives Chance to Win
Z-Bar Ranch Tour.
Winner Is Emma
Sawyer And Her
Family.**



Poster Contest

- **Theme - Local Heroes -**

Your Hard-Working Pollinators

- **254 Entries**
- **3 Students Placed At The State Level**
- **Sawyer Moody Placed 1st In State, with Daisy Carlson and Braxton Wells Receiving Honorable Mention!!**

Thanks Kids! You Did A Great Job!

Range School

**Sponsored A Student To Attend The
Kansas Grazing Lands Coalition
2015 Mid/Short Grass Range School.**



Conservation Field Day

Although Rain Kept North Barber 5th & 6th Graders From The Conservation Field Day On The Z- Bar Ranch, They Still Enjoyed Getting Out Of Classes To Learn About Wildlife, Erosion, Water Quality, and Soil Capabilities.



Conservation Field Day



Bankers Conservation Tour

Supervisory District Conservationist, Wyatt Sperry; NRCS Technician, Carl Jarboe; and District Supervisors, Calvin Boyd and Sam Baier Enjoyed Touring Barber County To Look At Conservation Practices Completed and Maintained by Nominees.



Kansas Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meeting November 22-24

- Barber County Is Well Represented.**
- 2 Board Members and District Manager
in Attendance.**
- Ted Alexander, Sam Baier, & Cheryl
Davis Serve on Grasslands Committee.**
- Bonnie Baier Serves on Education &
Youth Committee.**

Products For Sale

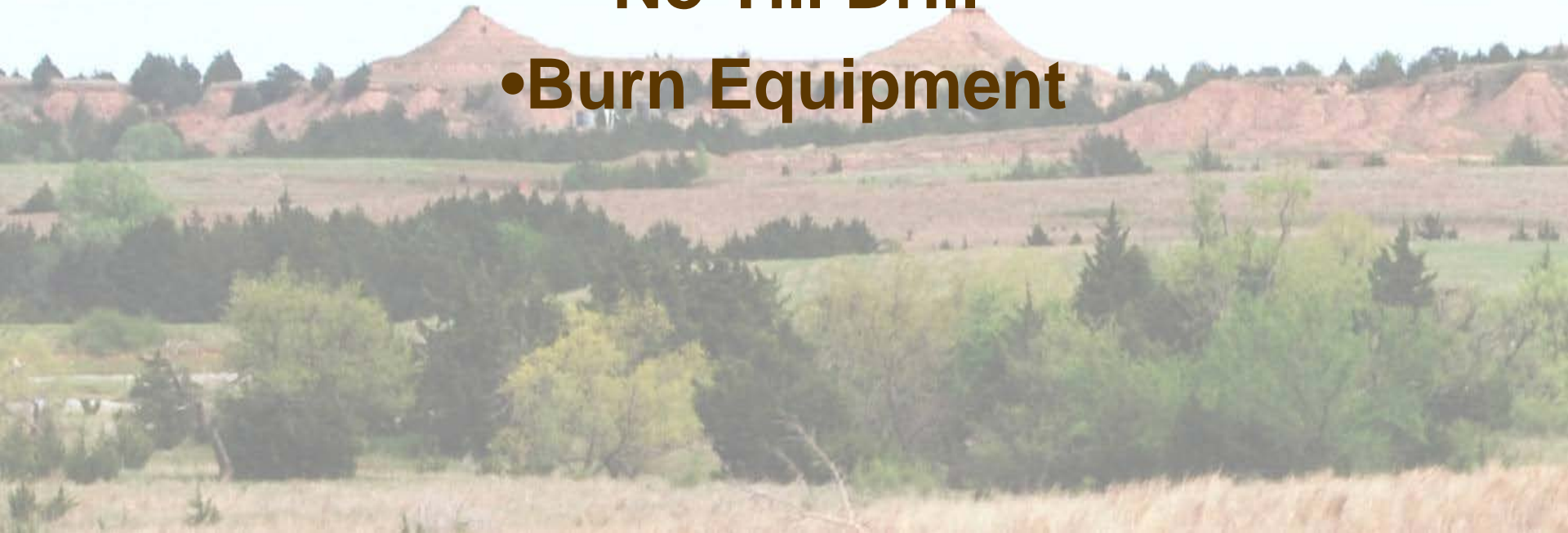
- **Grass Seed**
- **Corrugated Plastic Pipe**
- **Corrugated Metal Pipe**
- **Cable Fencing**



Services

Available for Rent

- **Grass Drill**
- **No Till Drill**
- **Burn Equipment**



Door Prize Contributors

HOMETOWN MARKET

OK COOP

THE PLUM THICKETT INN

D & K FLORAL & DESIGN

SIMPLE SIMONS/TACO TICO

RICKE SERVICE

FARMER'S COOP EQUITY

HOME LUMBER

FARMERS COOP COMPANY

TO HAAS

MIKE'S SERVICE & ALIGNMENT

FARM BUREAU

SIMPSON'S

THE SIDE LINE

SHIRTS & MORE

BURGER SHACK

SUBWAY

ORSCHELN'S

BUSTER'S SALOON

RAYKIES GRILL

WILLIAMS AG

WHITE'S

Sustainability

Let Your County Commissioners Know How Important The Conservation District Is To You. Encourage Them To Continue Supporting Conservation Through Their Funding Commitment.



We're Here To Serve You

**Let Us Know How We Can Help Address
The Conservation Issues That Are
Important To You.**

