Morris County Conservation District

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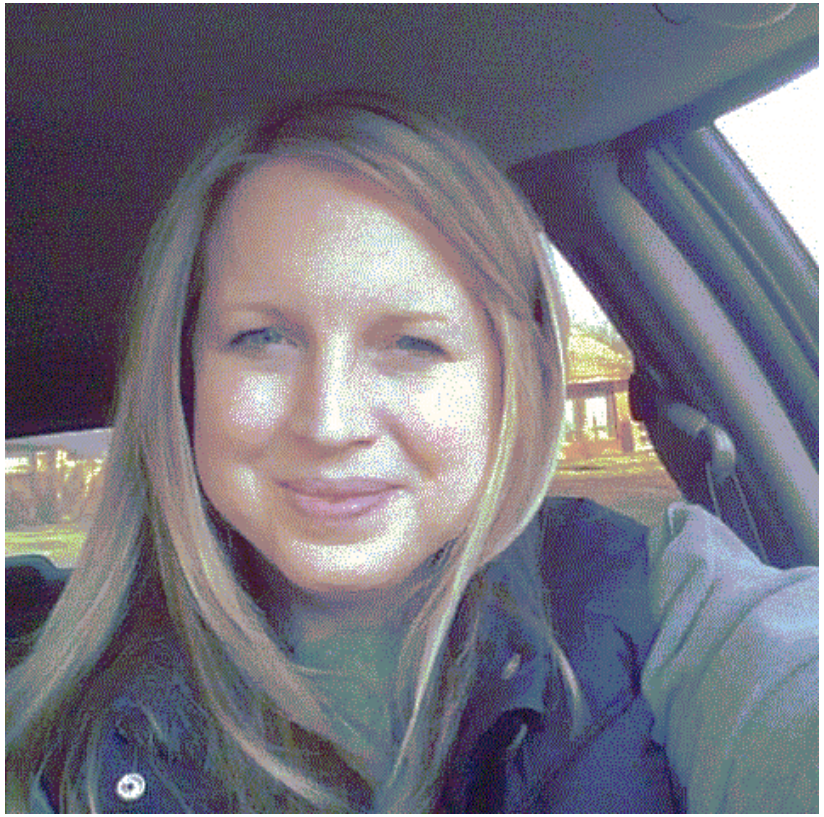

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NRCS District Conservationist

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Jeff Rue

Kansas Department Wildlife Parks & Tourism (KDWPT)

District Wildlife Biologist

Angela Anderson

Former Twin Lakes WRAPS Coordinator now with the Kansas Water Office (KWO) as a Water Resource Planner

Hagie Montag Interseeder | 2020

- Planted a variety of cover crops into standing corn as a part of a pilot initiative by KDHE in partnership with the KWO and Morris County Conservation District.
- This initiative allowed producers to pick their choice of cover crops ranging from: radishes, turnips, cereal rye, oats, legumes and grasses (or all of the above) with the goal of soil health, water retention and less or no erosion.

Haige Planted Cover Crop

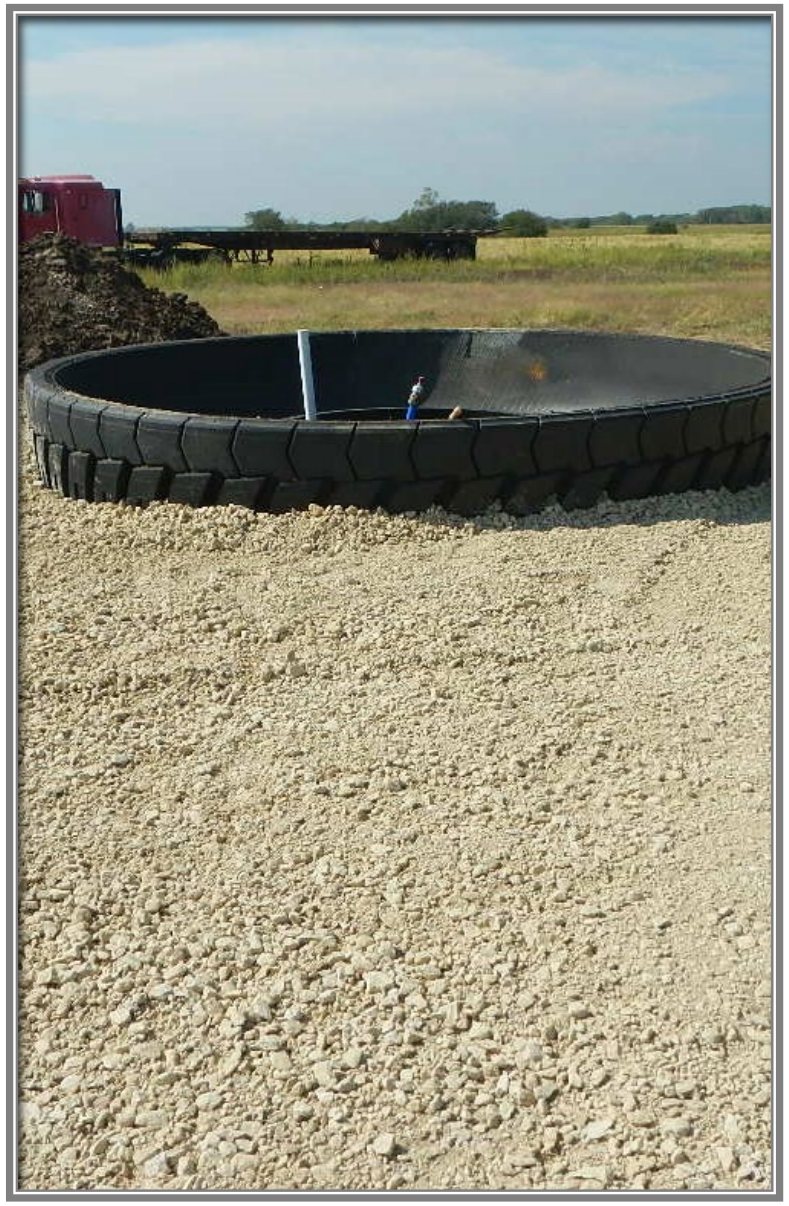
- This is a picture of the cover crop that is growing in the standing corn ready to protect the ground once the corn is harvested. This initiative was to encourage producers to see the positive results and benefits of soil health in the making.

CAFO Project

- Cattle Area Feeding Operation
- This was a huge livestock waste management project was in partnership with KDHE, Twin Lakes WRAPS and the Morris County Conservation District.
- The goal was to move a producer's cattle away from the area that took the water supply from there to the Council Grove Reservoir which created a huge amount of waste and pollutants to be dumped into the drinking water supply.

CAFO Project

- This is an example of a tire tank that was used for this project so the cattle would have access to a fresh, clean water supply for drinking.
- Several were installed on this site.



Grassland Practice | Go Back Before Picture

2018-2019

Grassland Practice | Go Back After | 2020 Grassland Award Winner

2018-2019

2019 Twin Lakes WRAPS Water Quality Award Winner

"His research project in Morris County focused on details that could effect certain Farm Bill programs, such as the Farm Service Agency's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). He saw an opportunity and need for additional research on the grazing effects of buffers as long as there was not any concentrated grazing, feeding, or watering of livestock in one location for an extended period, the grass could "handle" the short-term grazing effects. His first three years of research show that the buffers look as if they had been fenced out during the first three years. They are performing as they should – protecting the soil from wind and water erosion. All the species that were planted could been seen throughout. Most of all, they are still providing benefit for wildlife. This was done in the Twin Lakes Watershed that has a positive impact on water quality." (Angela Anderson, Twin Lakes WRAPS Coordinator, article published in the 80th Annual Meeting Booklet for the Morris County Conservation District Meeting, January 25, 2020 as well as the Council Grove Republican's Conservation Edition, January 2020.)

Solar Well & Tank

- Our solar wells and tanks installed as a result of the drought years have been a huge success for producers whose ponds went dry or their windmills quit working. We installed around 63 over the past two years to help our producers' livestock.
- This conservation practice encourages cattle to drink away from a stream bank or water source that merges into a public water supply.

NRCS Standard Geotextile Fabric

- The Morris County Conservation District sells NRCS Standard Spec Geotextile Fabric or as we know it, Cow-Carpet, to producers for the Heavy Use Areas by the roll or by the linear foot.
- It works great around tire tanks or feed bunks after placed about 4-6 inches underground with about 4-6 inches of gravel on top.
- This keeps the livestock from sinking into the mud or waste as they are feeding or drinking and keeps them much healthier.