AWARDS and HONORS

Vidya Balasubramanyam (HDNR- MS candidate; Advisor: Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis) has been awarded a prestigious 2-year Coastal Management Fellowship from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Office of Coastal Management. Beginning late August, her placement will be at New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Services where she will be leading a project on situating and socializing living shorelines in coastal New Hampshire. She will also receive professional development and training opportunities from NOAA to prepare her for a leadership role in coastal management and policy.

The university will honor conservationist and “mother” of the Katy Trail, Pat Jones, with an honorary degree (Doctor of Humane Letters). Jones, an MU alumna, will speak during Honor’s Convocation at 8:30 a.m. Saturday in the Mizzou Arena. You can read more information about Mrs. Jones at the links below. (Photo: SNR Director Dr. Shibu Jose with Mrs. Jones at Prairie Fork Conservation Area; Photo by Amber Edwards.)

SNR Research Day – May 3, 2017

“I appreciated the chance to show my research in a more focused forum. I also showed my posters in the Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievements Forum during April. While both were valuable experiences, I was overjoyed at the amount of attention and discussion my posters received during the SNR forum - I hardly had time to enjoy the refreshments! During the other forum, only one person (besides judges) stopped to look at my posters. In the SNR forum I saw my classmates, professors, alumni working as professionals in my field, and even made networking contacts that will be valuable to my graduate school search and future career.” – Sara Lalk, undergraduate Best Poster Award winner. (Photos taken by Cindy Greenwood)
Members of the **SNR Advisory Council** met during the afternoon of the SNR Research Day and also listened to speakers and talked with the poster participants. The Advisory Council to the School of Natural Resources was established as an independent forest advisory council in 1958. Representing various fields of forestry related business and land management, a broad-based citizen group of 59 members was formed to counsel the School in its teaching, research and extension programs and to acquaint individuals, organizations and legislators with the needs of the School. The Advisory Council has met at least annually since that time. The Council continues in its basic mission of assisting the School with its varied needs. The Council helped secure passage of the McIntire-Stennis Act (1962) which provided funds to support research and graduate education at forestry school in the U.S. The Advisory Council and its members were also instrumental in getting the Anheuser Busch Natural Resource Building constructed. (Photo by Cindy Greenwood)


The individuals shown in the pictures below are members of the University of Missouri Student Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society who were conducting citizen science for the MO DIRT project. MO DIRT engages citizens throughout Missouri in the measurement of soil health parameters. The MO DIRT initiative is an outreach component of the research project titled “The Missouri Transect” funded by NSF EPSCoR and lead by Dr. John Walker in the MU Department of Biological Sciences. (Individuals in the photos are: Simon Schroeter, Lindsey Anderson, Taryn Bradley, Sydney Bailey, and Andrew Williams; Photos taken and story submitted by **Keith Goyne**.)
SPOTLIGHT

Whatever Floats Your Boat - Class Builds Boat for Float Your Boat for the Food Bank

The members of Eat MO Carp built a boat in the basement of Delta Upsilon fraternity on April 18, 2017, in preparation for the Float Your Boat for the Food Bank event. They constructed this boat out of only cardboard, duct tape and glue, in the hopes that it would float at the event on Saturday, April 22. They were excited to participate in the race and raise money for this great cause. To read the full story by Gabriela Jurkiewicz, go to this link https://faithpower.atavist.com/float-your-boat-(submitted-by-Mark-Morgan.)

Sign of the Time

This sign hung above the door to the Fish and Wildlife secretary’s office in Stephens Hall, the first home of the Fish and Wildlife program at the University of Missouri - Columbia. Recovered from SNR Building Room 47 by Joe G. Dillard, Room 47 Archivist.
DONOR APPRECIATION

The H. Wilbur Allen Memorial Scholarship Fund: Wilbur Allen was a natural hunter, fisherman, and conservationist, and was able to visualize the need for thoughtful preservation of fish and wildlife. These ideals, coupled with his mechanical abilities, led him to revolutionize the archery industry with his invention of the compound bow. As a youth, he displayed a creative aptitude for mechanics; in woodworking he constructed wooden toys, a mandolin and his own long bows and arrows; in metalworking, small steam engines and hand tools. He worked in several areas of industry that gave him the business skills he later used in his own corporation. Mr. Allen was manufacturing small wire products at the time he invented the compound bow. As it grew in popularity, it became evident that it would soon require all of his time. But, even as his business expanded he was still designing all of the specialized tooling for the crossbow. Mr. Allen remembered as a boy, watching the fields where he had hunted rabbits turn into concrete roads and tall buildings. This commercial change in the environment gave him an appreciation of the land for hunting and streams for fishing, the overall enjoyment of nature. In December 1986, the family of H. Wilbur Allen established a scholarship in his memory to benefit students enrolled in what was at that time the School of Forestry, Fisheries & Wildlife. Further criteria for the scholarship identified full-time students in the fisheries and wildlife major with a 3.0 GPA. Over the 30 years since the Allen family setup the endowment, over 100 students in the School of Natural Resources have benefitted from their generosity. We thank the Allen family for their support of the University of Missouri and its students that allows us to promote and advocate Mr. Allen’s vision for conservation.

(In these photos, clockwise from the top left: H. Wilbur Allen Jr. invented the compound bow. Allen shooting his invention. Tom Jennings shooting one of the first compound bows that he manufactured from Allen’s design. The first prototype made by H. Wilbur Allen. Photos from the Greene County Commonwealth in a story by Paul Johns, February 2014.)
H.E. “Gene” Garrett Endowed Chair in Agroforestry: In March 2007, Douglas T. Allen, son of H. Wilbur and Elizabeth Allen pledged funding for an endowed chair in Agroforestry in the School of Natural Resources. Doug shared his father’s love and vision for the conservation of our natural resources. In collaboration with Gene Garrett, Professor Emeritus of Forestry, retired Director of the School of Natural Resources and the Center for Agroforestry, Doug expressed his desire to establish an endowed Chair for the Center. In 2009, Shibu Jose became the first endowed chair of the Center for Agroforestry. Doug has also bequeathed a 550-acre property near the Lake of the Ozarks that the Center has started managing for research and demonstration purposes. The Annual Field day at the property has become popular attracting 60-70 participants every year. They learn about habitat conservation, management, prairie restoration, agroforestry cropping systems, and invasive species management among other things. Doug has been participating in the field day and some of the other outreach activities of the Center for Agroforestry on a regular basis, an attestation to his love for finding alternative income sources for Missouri landowners from their farms and forests while conserving natural resources.