January 2022

SNR MONTHLY READER

Prairie Fork Conservation Area
DIRECTOR MARKET – SNR ACTIONS

- Continuing work on redesign of the Great Rivers Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) website
- Virtually attended the Prairie Fork Coordinating Committee’ Winter Meeting
- Attended initial Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experiences in Research (CIMER) training program
- Continuing work on the NSF Artificial Intelligence (AI) Institute proposal
- Discussing scholarships with CAFNR Advancement

HONORS AND AWARDS

Rebecca North, Assistant Professor, has been honored as a Fellow with the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO). The ASLO Fellows program was initiated in 2015 to honor ASLO members who have advanced the aquatic sciences via their exceptional contributions to the benefit of the society and its publications, meetings, and other activities. The commitment and service of these individuals to ASLO have enabled our society to advance the sciences of limnology and oceanography.

ASLO Fellows - ASLO

Hannah Hemmelgarn, Assistant Program Director of the Center for Agroforestry, was the recipient of the Early Career Award (2021) by the Association for Temperate Agroforestry. This is awarded for extraordinary accomplishments in the field of Agroforestry Outreach and Education and demonstrated sustained service at the highest levels of scope, innovation and leadership. Hannah is involved with and/or created many public education and outreach series including the Agroforestry Podcast series, the Savannah Institute Nutshells talks, co-editor on both the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry Action in Agroforestry and Green Horizons newsletters. Hannah also has an impressive grant portfolio including an USDA New Beginnings for Tribal Students.

https://centerforagroforestry.org/
Tom Bonnot, Assistant Research Professor, was part of the team (Daniel Dey, Frank Thompson, Michael Stambaugh, Kristen Heath, John Kabrick, Lauren Pile), which was recognized with the U.S. Department of Agriculture / Forest Service Chief’s Award for their work on restoring the Brown-headed Nuthatch. The team also made the BBC Special Issue on Wildlife’s list of top 50 reasons to be cheerful in 2021 (“Conservation success stories from around the world to brighten your new year”.)

Natural Resources Alumni Association Presents

Trivia In The Wild

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary

Friday, April 8, 2022
6:30 - 9:30 pm (Doors open at 6)
Knights of Columbus Hall, Columbia, MO

Single Players or Teams (8 people per team)

For Reservations:
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Benefits go to the MU Natural Resources Alumni Scholarship Fund
SPOTLIGHT ON SNR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS

Prairie Restoration at Boone County Nature School: On a snowy morning in January the Wildlife and Fisheries Graduate Student Organization (WAFSGSO) was joined by high school students from the Conservation Club at Rockbridge High School (RBHS) to participate in a native grass seed planting at the Boone County Nature School (BCNS). This project is a part of a grassland bird habitat restoration project funded by the Jerry Wade Youth Habitat and Education Program (YHEP) grant. The grant was written by graduate students Mischa Schultz and David Hicks, with the help of two RBHS students Brooke Novinger and Grace Schondelmeyer, and Jenna Stiek and Brian Flowers with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). The site will be monitored to watch what bird species are visiting the newly restored prairies. (Submitted by Mischa Schultz and David Hicks.)
SNR welcomes **Sam Lord**, who is the Instructor of the Introductory Soil Science course and its associated lab sections. Sam currently studies the legacy effects of agriculture on dynamic soil properties of remnant and restored prairies in Missouri. Before becoming a faculty member, Sam was an Ecologist for the Department of Natural Resources where he oversaw the restoration, preservation, and maintenance of Missouri’s best examples of natural landscapes. Through a “lens” of soil science, he focused on the restoration of the soil profile as the significant factor in ecosystem restoration and function. Sam received his BS from the University of Missouri – Columbia in Soil, Environmental, and Atmospheric Sciences with an emphasis in soil, and currently is in the master’s program in SNR. He is excited to teach the fundamentals of soil science to a diverse group of students and majors and convey the importance of healthy soil in our everyday lives.

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