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Conservation In Action

Special Edition
Summer / Fall 2011



Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

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Greg Waters—Chairman
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Adrian Garber—Secretary
Garry Derr—Fiscal Agent
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Mission: Providing leadership to educate and assist landowners in the wise management of our natural resources.

Coshocton SWCD's 69th Annual Meeting and Banquet

Coshocton County Career Center

Thursday, October 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker—Ken Smailes

Baked Steak Dinner Served by Fresno Methodist Ladies

Tickets—Adults \$ 10 Kids 10 and under \$ 5

Voting begins at 6:00 p.m. Election—2 Supervisors

Ticket Deadline—October 14, 2011

For tickets, contact the SWCD office at 622-8087, Extension 4, stop by the office located in the County Services Building, 724 South Seventh Street, or contact an SWCD supervisor or past supervisor selling tickets.

SWCD Supervisors: Greg Waters, Knox Porteus, Adrian Garber, Garry Derr, David Lapp

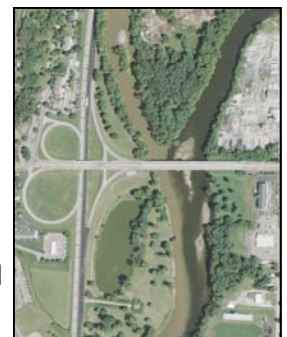
Past SWCD Supervisors Selling Tickets: Gerald Finlay, Vernon Mizer, Fred Zimmerman, Lister Endsley, George Braniger, Donald Duncan, Wendell Waters, Fred Anderson, Clyde Young and John Powell

Speaker to Share Coshocton County History

Ken Smailes is a native of Coshocton County, having returned 21 years ago to share his passion for the community as an award-winning journalist. He has been an avid student of history since catching the bug as a fourth grader at Warsaw Elementary, and he returns to the classroom each spring to share that enthusiasm with students. He has been very active in local historical preservation and education efforts, including the Walhonding Valley Historical Society.

As part of Coshocton County's Bicentennial celebration this year, Ken has developed a series of 200 historical vignettes that are heard each weekday on WTNS Radio. On the first Friday of each month, he's been spending two hours on WTNS Communication Lines talk show to encourage discussion about local history. His most recent research has been into the Lenape – or Delaware – Indians that made what would become Coshocton County their homeland from the late 1760s to about 1780.

In the community, Ken serves as president of the local Head Start Board of Directors, is a certified Severe Weather spotter, and is active with local emergency planning efforts. This fall, he expects to complete requirements toward being licensed as a United Methodist local pastor.



Election of Supervisors

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of 2 supervisors on the Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District Board to be held in accordance with Chapter 1515.01-14 of the Ohio Revised Code. The election will be held at the **Coshocton County Career Center on October 20, 2011** in conjunction with the 69th Annual Meeting and Banquet. The nominees pictured have been selected by the nominating committee for the Coshocton SWCD Board of Supervisors.

Voting will take place as participants arrive at the SWCD Annual Meeting with **voting to start at 6:00 p.m.** Any eligible voter shall be allowed to vote without expectation of purchasing a ticket or meal for the meeting. Absentee voting is available 21 days prior to the election.

Eligibility rules for the election have changed in recent years. All voters must be at least 18 years of age. Any person who resides in Coshocton County may vote for board supervisor. Absentee landowners / occupiers will also be allowed to vote but must have a notarized affidavit on file with the SWCD prior to voting. Please contact the SWCD with questions regarding absentee landowners/occupiers or to obtain the required forms. Two supervisors will be selected each for a 3 year term to begin January 1, 2012.

And the Nominees Are...



Adrian Garber

Adrian Garber operates the family farm in partnership with his brother, Art. They are located in Crawford Township near Baltic. Crops grown include no-till corn, soybeans, wheat and alfalfa. The Garber's have been cooperators with the Coshocton SWCD since 1967.

Conservation practices installed and maintained on the farm include crop rotation, no-till planting, contour farming, contour strip-cropping, tile drainage, spring developments, manure storage facility, grassed waterway and critical area seeding.

Adrian serves on the Central Committee for the Republican Party of Crawford Township, and he is the Secretary / Treasurer for the Halifax Ridge Cemetery. Adrian and Art Garber received the Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award for 2001, and Adrian has served as Coshocton SWCD Supervisor since 2003.



David Lapp

David Lapp and his wife, Alana, farm in partnership with David's parents, Warren and Dorothy Lapp, in Bethlehem Township. They have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren.

Their operation consists of corn, soybeans and wheat. The Lapp's have been cooperators with the Coshocton SWCD since 1958 and operate with conservation plans on their farms. Conservation practices on their farms include tile drainage, waterways and minimum and no-till corn and soybeans.

David is a member of the River View School Board, Farm Bureau Association, Keene United Methodist Church and has served as Coshocton SWCD Supervisor since 1997.



Jim McKinney

Jim and his wife, Jeanne, live in Keene Township on a tree farm and have 3 adult children. Jim is an affiliate member of the Coshocton SWCD and a recipient of the Coshocton County 2006 Forestry Stewardship Award.

Forest land covers approximately 1/2 of Coshocton County, and Jim feels this segment of the agricultural industry holds great potential for income growth through increased stewardship of our forest land.

Jim and Jeanne are members of the Licking Valley Church of Christ.

2011 Affiliate Members

Diamond

Farm Credit Services

Platinum

Clow Water Systems Company
Coshocton County Beacon
Coshocton Foundation
Coshocton Grain Company
Gerber & Sons, Inc.

Gold

Century National Bank
Coshocton Co. Chamber of Commerce
Coshocton County Sheriff, Tim Rogers
Endsley Insurance Agency
Finton Equipment—John Deere
Larry A. Frye Farms
The Garden Patch Greenhouse
Jim McKinney - TSI Vendor-EQIP
Dr. Rob & Sheri Stout & Family
Thousand Oaks Farms
Tumblin Farms, David Tumblin
William Albert Inc.

Silver

Baird Concrete
Cosh. Co. Commissioner, D. Curtis Lee
Coshocton County Farm Bureau
Frontier Power Company
Home Loan Savings Bank
Bob Nelson—Dale Gress Real Estate
Ohio Heritage Bank

Bronze

Addy's Mower Sales
Alan Donaker Surveying
Bluck & Sons, Inc.
Cosh. Co. Auditor, Sandra Corder
Cosh. Co. Clerk of Courts, Janet Mosier
Coshocton Co. Engineer, Fred Wachtel
Coshocton Sportsmen Club
Cosh. Co. Treasurer, Janette Donaker
Fender's Fish Hatchery
Owens & Manning Attorneys
Scheetz Marketing

Changes at Coshocton USDA-NRCS

Coshocton County has been receiving assistance from an "Acting" District Conservationist this summer following the much-deserved retirement of our own DC, Tim Halt. The Acting District Conservationist works in Coshocton County 1 day per week to address Coshocton's NRCS needs.

The Federal Government's next fiscal year begins October 1. It is unclear at this time who the Acting DC will be after October 1 and what day(s) he/she will be in Coshocton County. It is also unclear when Coshocton can look forward to having a fulltime NRCS employee back in the Coshocton office.

With these uncertainties, and the possibility of an EQIP program sign-up yet this fall, please allow additional time for your needs to be addressed. Coshocton SWCD employees are available to forward messages to the Acting DC and will do everything they can to help with your requests. However, with USDA-NRCS being an entirely separate agency, SWCD employees may not be able to fulfill your request at the time of your visit or phone call. It may be necessary to wait longer than expected (up to a week) for your questions to be received by the Acting DC.

We apologize for this inconvenience, and we, along with you, look forward to when we will have a full time NRCS employee back in Coshocton County.

Oil & Gas Drilling In Coshocton

The Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce, Port Authority, County Commissioners and OSU Extension will host an information session regarding the impact of oil and gas drilling in Coshocton County on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coshocton County Career Center, 23460 Airport Road, Coshocton.

Speakers will be Dale Arnold, Director of Energy Policy, Ohio Farm Bureau; Rhonda Reda, Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program and Foundation; and Paul Golden, Coshocton County OSU Extension.

If you would like more information regarding this meeting, please contact the Coshocton County Chamber of Commerce at 740-622-5411.

Upcoming Classes of the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program

Controlling Woody Invasive Plants in Your Woodlot

Event Date: Friday, October 14, 2011—9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Registration Deadline: October 7, 2011

This course is designed to provide woodland owners with basic knowledge of common woody invasive species and their control options. The field sessions will include demonstrations of commonly used herbicides and techniques as well as various mechanical control options.

Registration Fee: \$10 (reduced registration fee-class is being sponsored by the Ohio Invasive Plants Council)

Location: Lake Snowden, 5900 US 50, Albany, OH 45710

Bats: Not Just for Caves Anymore!

Event Date: Thursday, October 27, 2011—6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Registration Deadline: October 20, 2011

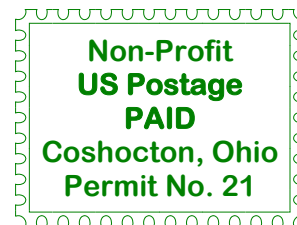
Are bats flying rodents? Do they really get stuck in your hair? How easily can you get rabies from bats? Learn what's true and what's not about Ohio's bats at this class. Class members will explore the ins and outs of bats' unique lives, bat house do's and don'ts, and how to deal with bats as unexpected house guests. Also discussed will be bats' economic roles, their negative and positive impacts on society, current research, and how that research can be applied to manage bats in private woodlots.

Registration Fee: \$20

Location: Cox Arboretum Metro Part, MeadWestvaco Theater, 6733 Springboro Pike, Dayton, OH 45449

To register for either class, or if you have questions, call the Ohio Woodland Stewards Program at 614-688-3421 or e-mail ohiowoods@osu.edu.

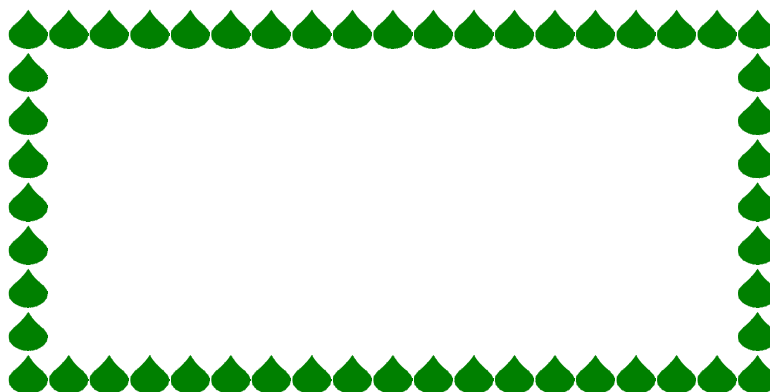
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Come See Our Fair Display September 30th - October 6th

Don't forget to come see the SWCD's Booth at the Coshocton County Fair! We are located in the Commercial Building next to Smokey the Bear. The Fifth Grade Poster Contest needs your vote to help decide the best posters in Coshocton County!

2011 Coshocton County Fall Foliage and Farm Tour

OSU Extension-Coshocton County, Coshocton SWCD and Coshocton USDA Farm Service Agency will again sponsor a Drive-It-Yourself Fall Foliage and Farm Tour. The tour will be held Saturday, October 15 10 am - 5 pm and Sunday, October 16 12 noon - 5 pm in north-central Coshocton County. Brochures with maps may be picked up at Finton Equipment on US 36, just east of Coshocton until 3 pm each day.

This will be an excellent chance to view the incredible autumn flora of Coshocton County. For more information visit <http://coshocton.osu.edu> or www.coshoctonswcd.org.

Calendar of Events

- September 30-October 6**
Coshocton County Fair
October 7-8-9
Paul Bunyan Show-Guernsey Co.
- October 12**
Oil & Gas Mtg 7:00 pm
- October 12**
SWCD Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- October 14**
Controlling Woody Invasive Plants-Albany, Ohio
- October 15-16**
Fall Foliage and Farm Tour
- October 20**
69th Annual Meeting and Banquet 7:00 pm
- October 27**
Bats: Not Just for Caves Anymore!-Dayton, Ohio
- November 9**
SWCD Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- November 11th**
Office Closed - Veteran's Day

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