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2011



Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

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Tuesday and Thursday

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Mission: Providing leadership to educate and assist landowners in the wise management of our natural resources.

146 in Attendance at Coshocton SWCD's 69th Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District held their 69th Annual Meeting and Banquet at the Coshocton County Career Center Thursday evening, October 20, 2011. The 146 area residents and special guests in attendance enjoyed a baked steak dinner served by Fresno Methodist Church prior to the meeting.

The Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission held an election of 2 supervisors for the Coshocton SWCD Board of Supervisors. Adrian Garber and David Lapp were elected and will serve a three year term starting January 1, 2012.

Ken Smailes, local radio personality, was the evening's guest speaker. Mr. Smailes shared his love of local history uncovering several of Coshocton County's *History Mysteries*.

Coshocton SWCD sponsored the Coshocton County Junior Fair Hay Show and recognized the winners from the 2011 County Fair: Alfalfa Hay – Clinton Hedrick, son of Dale and Kim Hedrick, River View FFA; Clover Hay – Michaela Greten, daughter of Mike and Kerrie Greten, This-N-That 4-H; Grass Hay and Light Mixed Hay – Kurt Wyler, son of John and Annette Wyler, Ridgewood FFA; and Mixed Hay (Heavy) – Jenna Wyler, daughter of John and Annette Wyler, White Eyes Livestock 4-H. Winners received a rosette and \$10 cash award for attending the banquet.

The 2011 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year Award was presented to Karen and Leon Locke. The Locke's farm 460 acres in New Castle Township, and the farm has been in Karen's family for over 100 years. The Locke Family Farm has maintained a flock of over 300 ewes for more than 20 years. Conservation practices on the farm include grassed waterways, 2 spring developments, pipeline with 15 complete watering facilities for livestock, fencing and prescribed grazing. Karen and Leon have hosted educational events at their farm including an SWCD grazing workshop in 2007, and they are members of the Ohio Farm Bureau. Karen is a lifetime member of the Ohio Sheep Improvement Association while Leon is a 40 year member of the Lions Club. They are both longtime 4-H Advisors and lifelong members of the Walhonding Rube Band. Karen and Leon attend the Nellie Chapel United Methodist Church and have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Congratulations to Karen and Leon Locke for being named 2011 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year.

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2011 Outstanding Conservation Farmer - Leon & Karen Locke

Pictured L-R with family: son Alan, grandson Bryan, Leon, grandson Bradley, granddaughter Kori, Karen, son-in-law Chuck, daughter-in-law Denise, and daughter Lisa

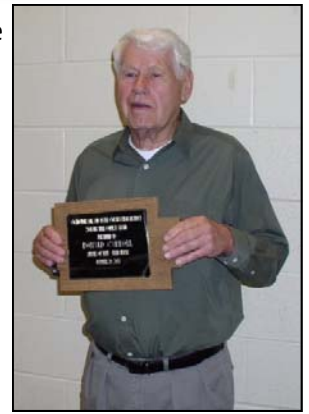


Annual Meeting and Banquet (continued from page 1)

Ronald Carroll was recognized as the winner of Coshocton SWCD's 2011 Big Tree Contest. The winning "Big Tree" was a Maple which measured 19'9" in circumference with a vertical height of 74' and an average crown spread of 77'.

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest, which was part of the SWCD's display at the Coshocton County Fair, was Gerald Hothem. Gerald was among 18 winning entries received. The mystery photo was of the David Apple Farm located on County Road 5 in Oxford Township.

The meeting adjourned after door prizes were drawn compliments of Coshocton SWCD, Alan Donaker Surveying, Auer Ace Hardware, Baker's IGA, Buehler's, Century National Bank, Coshocton City Treasurer Susan Turner, Coshocton County Auditor Sandra Corder, Coshocton County Clerk of Courts Janet Mosier, Coshocton County Commissioners Gary Fischer, D. Curtis Lee and Dane Shryock, Coshocton County Recorder David Dilly, Coshocton County Sheriff Tim Rogers, Coshocton County Treasurer Janette Donaker, Coshocton Yard, Crowtown Pizza, Earl's Dari Drive-in, English Ivy, Farm Credit Services, Frontier Power Company, Hahn Oil Inc., Medberry Marketplace, Pearl Valley Cheese, Peggy Sue's Steak and Ribs, Sport-Zone of Coshocton, Chris Sycks-Chief Deputy Auditor of Coshocton County, TMK Bakersville, and Warehouse Steak N Stein. Cups, napkins and plates along with funding towards ticket prices were provided by Farm Credit Services. Floral and pumpkin decorations were borrowed from The Garden Patch Greenhouse, and ice cream for the dessert sundaes was provided by the Coshocton County Dairy Service Unit.



2011 Big Tree Winner
Ronald Carroll



2011 Hay Show Winners - Clinton Hedrick-Alfalfa Hay and Michaela Greten-Clover Hay (not pictured-Kurt and Jenna Wyler)

5th Grade Poster Contest Winners Announced

Thank you to all the 5th grade teachers and students who participated in the Annual 5th Grade Poster Contest sponsored by the Coshocton SWCD in conjunction with the SWCD fair display. Coshocton County 5th graders prepared entries in the 2011 contest titled "Soil - It All Starts Here" after a classroom presentation on how everything we eat can be traced back to a plant grown in the soil. Seventeen class-winning posters were on display for the fair-going public to vote to determine the overall winners.

Madelyn Nelson of Lincoln Elementary placed 1st, Payne Mathias of Central Elementary placed 2nd, and Johnny Crider of Keene Elementary placed 3rd. Nelson won a \$25 cash award and a pizza party for her class, Mathias won a \$15 cash award and an ice cream party for his class, and Crider won a \$10 cash award and an ice cream party for his class.

Schools participating in this year's contest include Coshocton City Schools - Central and Lincoln; Ridgewood Middle School; and River View Schools - Conesville, Keene, Union and Warsaw.



1st Place - Madelyn Nelson
Lincoln Elementary



2nd Place - Payne Mathias
Central Elementary



3rd Place - Johnny Crider
Keene Elementary

2011 Affiliate Members

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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
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2011 Coshocton County Fall Foliage and Farm Tour a Success

The Coshocton County offices of OSU Extension, Soil and Water Conservation District and USDA Farm Service Agency recently held the 2011 Fall Foliage and Farm Tour with stops at Finton Equipment-John Deere, MMS Aviation, Rocky Top Acres, USDA/ARS/North Appalachian Experimental Watershed, Carson House Farm, Keene United Methodist Church, Millcreek Farm, Fender's Fish Hatchery and Llama Farm, and Pearl Valley Cheese.

The 2011 tour brought 1,594 people through the northern section of Coshocton County, representing 7 states and 29 Ohio counties. The 2012 tour will feature eastern Coshocton County October 20-21 next year.

Thank you to all of those who helped plan this event and to those who hosted a stop. All of this resulted in another successful year!

Agriculture As Art project winds down with Harvest

Gerald and Judy Finlay harvested the corn in the cloverleaf area near the City of Coshocton on Saturday, November 5, 2011.

Agriculture As Art: A Bicentennial Tribute to Agriculture was coordinated by the Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District and the Pomerene Center for the Arts. This project's intent was to highlight agriculture's prominent and enduring place in our county's history. The "C" area measured 0.370 acre, and the yield was 80.68 bushels; with an overall yield of 218 bushels per acre. The Coshocton Grain Company will hold the proceeds from this project until next spring when it will be decided how to proceed with the project.



The cloverleaf area after corn was harvested in the "C", still very visible inside the standing soybeans. Porteus Brothers will harvest the soybeans in the near future. *Agriculture As Art: A Bicentennial Tribute to Agriculture* was coordinated by the Coshocton SWCD and the Pomerene Center for the Arts. The project's intent was to highlight agriculture's prominent and enduring place in our county's history.

Raymond Pew (center) a longtime Coshocton County farmer discusses the project with Gerald Finlay after corn was harvested in the cloverleaf area. Also pictured is Raymond's daughter, Phyllis Debnar.

The Coshocton SWCD and Pomerene Center for the Arts appreciate the community's support for this project and look forward to a new challenge in 2012. If you are interested in becoming involved, please call the SWCD office at 622-8087.



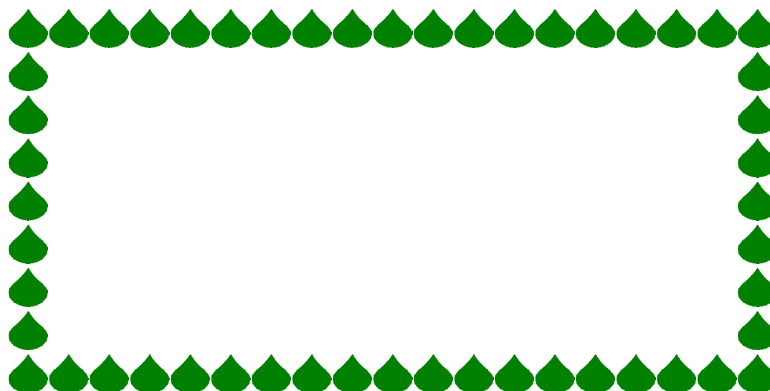
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EQIP Application Deadline set for December 15

Are you interested in addressing resource concerns such as water quality protection and erosion control on your farm? If so, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) may be for you. EQIP is a voluntary conservation program administered by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Through EQIP, agricultural producers may receive financial and technical assistance with structural and management conservation practices on agricultural land. Eligible practices may include grazing management plans, spring developments, troughs, pipeline, paddock fencing (excludes property line fencing), access roads, heavy use feeding pads, livestock composting facility, agricultural chemical storage containment facility, and timber stand improvement.

Persons who are engaged in livestock or agricultural production on eligible land may participate in the EQIP program. EQIP activities are carried out according to a plan of operation developed in conjunction with the producer that identifies the appropriate conservation practice(s) to address resource concerns. Practices are subject to NRCS technical standards adapted for local conditions.

Ohio NRCS has established a cutoff date of December 15, 2011 for accepting EQIP applications for funding consideration. Applications received on or before this date will be ranked and rated for funding. Applications received after the deadline will still be accepted but will be deferred to the next funding cycle.

For more information, call the Coshocton NRCS office at 740-622-8087, extension 4 on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Several forms are needed to complete the application process, so please allow time to have everything submitted by the December 15 deadline.

Calendar of Events

- November 24-25**
Office Closed - Thanksgiving
- December 14**
SWCD Board Mtg 10:00 am
- December 15**
Area 3 Winter Meeting
EQIP Application Deadline
- December 26**
Office Closed -
Christmas Day Observed
- January 2**
Office Closed -
New Year's Day Observed
- January 11**
SWCD Board Mtg 10:00 am
- January 16**
Office Closed - MLKing, Jr. Day
- February 8**
SWCD Board Mtg 10:00 am
- February 20**
Office Closed - President's Day