



Conservation In Action

**Fall
2022**

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Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

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

182 in Attendance at 79th Annual Meeting and Banquet



The Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District held their 80th Annual Banquet at Lake Park Pavilion Thursday evening, October 20, 2022. 182 area residents and special guests were in attendance. A buffet dinner was served by Theo's Restaurant of Cambridge preceding the meeting.

The evening's entertainment was the Land of Legend 4 Chorus, which is part of the larger Land of Legend Chorus who perform regionally at barbershop singing competitions. The Land of Legend Chorus is made up of 20 members who are part of the Barbershop Harmony Society. The group was formed in 1950 and have sang all over North America. Matt Hopper, Paul Russell, Billy Edwards, and Mike Sitter made up the quartet that sang a collection of upbeat acapella songs that were enjoyed by the crowd.

Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District announced the 2022 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year Award which went to the Travis Gregorich family. The Gregorich farm consists of 118 acres and is located in Washington Township. The Gregorich family raises 60 pairs of commercial cattle on 200 acres of pasture. They also make about 50 acres of hay, which allows them to run on grass for about 8 months of the year. Conservation practices installed on the Gregorich farm include 4 spring developments with 7 watering facilities, 2,282 ft. of pipeline, 790 ft. of access road, a heavy use pad, 12,611 ft. of fence, 13.8 acres of cropland conversion to pasture, 81.3 acres of prescribed grazing, and 5.9 acres of brush management. The Gregorich farm hosted a Pasture Walk and SWCD Conservation Tour in 2019. Travis and Jenna hold off-farm jobs relating to agriculture, are long time Coshocton County Farm Bureau members, and Jenna serves as a Farm Bureau Foundation board member. Travis represents Washington Township on the Republican Central Committee. Travis and Jenna moved to Coshocton County in 2010 and have one daughter, Vera, who is in second grade at Tri-Valley. Congratulations to Travis and Jenna Gregorich on being named the 2022 Outstanding Conservation Farm of the Year. *(continued on the next page)*



Supervisor Greg Waters with the Outstanding Conservation Farmer Jenna, Travis, and Vera Gregorich.



Land of Legend 4 Chorus

as the winner of the Coshocton SWCD's Big Tree Contest. The winning "Big Tree" was a Red Oak which measured 258" in circumference with a vertical height of 97' and an average crown spread of 83.5' with a total score of 376 points.

Tom Heading from Coshocton is Blooming Committee presented the City Big



Tom Heading with Dennis Lowery, the nominator of the 2022 City Big Tree.

Tree Contest award for trees entered in the City of Coshocton. The winning tree was an Oak tree that was nominated by Dennis Lowery which measured 178" in circumference with a vertical height of 82' and an average crown spread of 85' with a total of 282 points.

The winner of the Mystery Photo Contest, which was part of the SWCD's display at the Coshocton County Fair, was Caitlyn Zimmer. Her name was among 12 correct entries received. The mystery photo was of the Jack and Judy Lowe farm in Clark Township.

The Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission held an election for two supervisors to be elected to the Coshocton SWCD Board of Supervisors. Kristy Leindecker, Jordan Olinger, and Greg Waters were candidates. Kristy Leindecker and Greg Waters were re-elected for a three year term starting January 1, 2023.

The meeting adjourned after door prizes were drawn.

Annual Tree Seedling Sale

The Tree Seedling Sale will begin in February 2023 and includes varieties of native trees and shrubs, along with packets of wildflower seeds, marking flags, tree tubes, and Plantskydd rodent repellent. Over 4,000 trees were sold in our 2022 sale. The varieties we believe will be available in the sale are listed below, pending nursery availability. Our supplier tries to provide several

2023 Seedling Varieties	
American Elm	Ohio Buckeye
American Hazelnut	Redbud
American Plum	Shingle Oak
Bald Cypress	Sugar Maple
Black Walnut	White Cedar
Black Willow	White Oak
Gray Dogwood	White Pine

Coshocton SWCD sponsored the Junior Fair Hay Show with Cassie Glazer from TMK Bakersville serving as the Official Judge. 2022 Hay Show winners recognized were: Ryan Greten, son of Mike and Karrie Greten, This-N-That 4-H Club won the Alfalfa and Mixed Hay classes, Brandon Karr, son of Jeff and Kelly Karr, River View FFA won the Light Mixed Hay class and Shiloh Kinzel, daughter of Missy and Andy Kinzel, Mohawk Valley 4-H won the Grass Hay class. Winners received a rosette and \$25 cash award for each class.

John and Sharon Hill were recognized



Sharon & John Hill own the 2022 winning Big Tree, a Red Oak.

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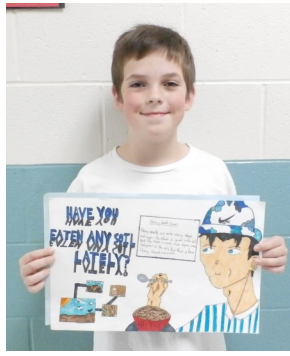
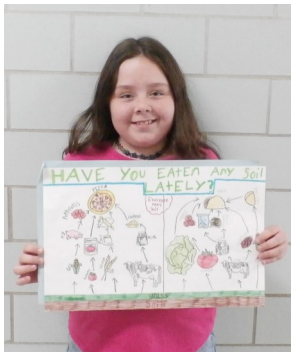
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unique varieties each year while maintaining the most popular trees, such as White Oak and White Pine. The order form will be sent out with our newsletter in early

February and we encourage you to order early since we tend to run out of popular varieties by the end of the sale. We also partner with Licking SWCD to provide an online ordering option for the sale. If you know of anyone that is interested in ordering trees but does not receive our newsletter, have them contact us at (740)622-8087 ext. 4 or samanthadaugherty@coshoctoncounty.net to be added to our list.



2022 Poster Contest Winners

Thank you to all the fifth grade teachers and students who participated in the annual Fifth Grade Poster Contest sponsored by the Coshocton SWCD. Coshocton County fifth graders created their entries for the 2022 Conservation Poster Contest with the theme "Have you Eaten Any Soil Lately" after a presentation on how everything we eat can be traced back to the soil. Fifteen "Best of Class" entries were on display at the Coshocton SWCD Fair Display and judged by the public to

1st Place
November Hollar
Warsaw

2nd Place
Colin McMasters
Warsaw

3rd Place
Jackson Fink
Coshocton

determine the top three posters. A total of 1,029 eligible votes were cast by fairgoers.

November Hollar of Warsaw Elementary took the first place \$25 cash prize and won a pizza party for her class; Mrs. Ireland is her teacher. Colin McMasters of Warsaw Elementary took the second place \$15 cash prize and won an ice cream party for his class; Mrs. Ireland is also his teacher. Jackson Fink of Coshocton Elementary took the third place \$10 cash prize and also won an ice cream party for his class; Mrs. Brooks is his teacher. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding work and thank you to everyone that voted in our Fifth Grade Poster Contest.

Cover Crops in Coshocton County

County producers signed up over 4,997 acres of cover crops for the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Cover Crop Program. Cost share funds for approved fields amounted to over \$44,772 for Coshocton County producers. About 31% of the acres were flown by Fishers Ag Service in early September into standing soybeans and corn; 35% was broadcast and 34% was drilled after harvest was completed. The purpose of the program is to provide a growing cover over the winter months to minimize soil erosion, increase soil organic matter, improve water infiltration, and improve water quality. We would like to thank the producers, MWCD, Fisher Ag Service, Woodlyn Acres Farm, TMK Bakersville, Warren Lapp & Son, Richard Downing Airport, and ODA Division of Soil & Water Resources.

2022 Affiliate Members

Diamond

Coshocton County Beacon
Coshocton Grain Company
Eastern Ohio Ag
Farm Credit Mid-America

Platinum

Gerber & Sons, Inc.
Heritage Cooperative
McWane Ductile - Ohio
Pony Field Farm

Gold

Cosh. Co. Chamber of Commerce
Coshocton County Farm Bureau
Coshocton Foundation
Darr Farms LLC
Dr. Rob & Sheri Stout and Family

Endsley Insurance Agency
Harold's Equipment, Inc.
Home Loan Savings Bank
Lynn Wells - In Memory
of Ray Griffith

Jim & Gail Piper
Larry A. Frye Farms
Millwood Lumber
Owens & Manning, Attorneys
Park National Bank
Peoples Bank
Seed Consultants - Lance Weaver
Sturtz Farm -
Larry & Maureen Sturtz
The Garden Patch Greenhouse
Thousand Oaks Farms
TMK Bakersville
Tumblin Farms -
David Tumblin Family
William Albert, Inc.

Silver

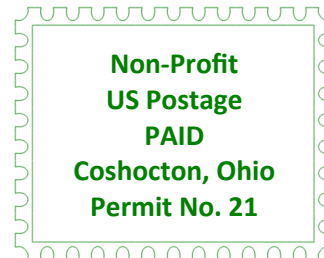
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Bluck & Sons, Inc.
Charlie & Ruby Helmick
Cosh. Clerk of Courts
Camila Graham
Cosh. Co. Engineer Fred Wachtel
Cosh. Co. Recorder Susan Turner
Dane & Amy Shryock
Garber Brothers Farms LLC
Gary & Michelle Fischer
Jacobs Vanaman Agency, Inc.
Knotty Nuff Acres
Scheetz Marketing
Sheriff James A. & Lisa Crawford
Steven Oster

Bronze

Alan Donaker Surveying
Coshocton County Auditor Chris Sycks
Cosh. Co. Recycling & Litter Prevention
Coshocton Co. Sportsmen Association
Cosh. Co. Treasurer Janette Donaker
Frontier Power Company
Saylor Wealth Strategies

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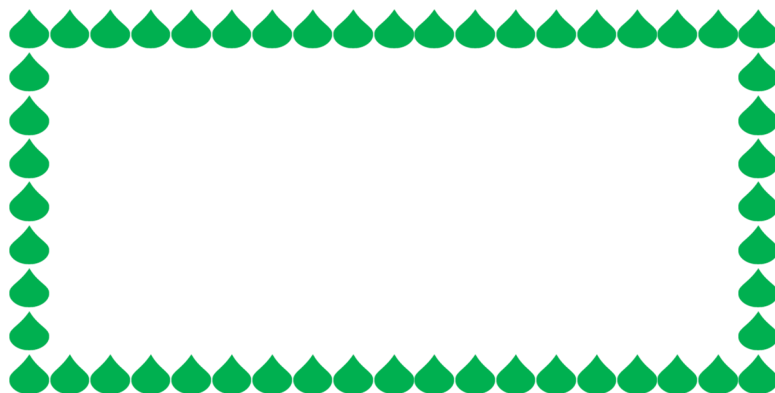
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Coshocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour a Success

Bright sunny skies and 70 degree temperatures provided for a picture-perfect



weekend for the 51st Coshocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour which featured highlights the southwest townships of Virginia, Washington, Pike, Perry, Bedford, and Jackson. Over 1,600 people attended this year's tour. Attendees traveled from 7 states and from 34 of Ohio's 88 counties to participate in this year's event.

The tour is sponsored by OSU Extension, Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District and the Farm Service Agency. These agencies would like to thank all the tour hosts and volunteers which made this year's tour a success. Thank you to the Coshocton County Fair Board, Wells Sheep Farm, Chalfant Church, Killing Tree Winery, ASB Farm, Donaker Farm, Echoing Hills Village, Woodbury Wildlife Area, and Mill Creek Railroad for their hospitality.

Plans are underway for the 52nd Coshocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour which is tentatively scheduled for October 21-22.

Article and pictures provided by David Marrison, Field Specialist in Farm Management for OSU Extension.



Calendar of Events

November 24-25
Thanksgiving Holiday,
Office Closed

December 14
SWCD Board Mtg,
10:00 a.m.

December 23 & 26
Christmas Holiday,
Office Closed

January 2
New Year's Holiday,
Office Closed

January 11
SWCD Board Mtg,
10:00 a.m.

January 16
Martin Luther King Jr.
Day, Office Closed

February - March
Annual Tree Seedling Sale