

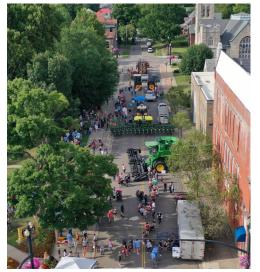
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SWCD Staff Deb Bigelow - District Administrator Samantha Daugherty - Admin. Assistant Ryan Medley - District Technician Zach Wallace - District Technician

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



First FARM Friday on Main Street

We hope you will join us on Main Street in Coshocton for First FARM Friday on August 6 from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The goal of First FARM Friday is to educate the public about the importance of agriculture in our

community and beyond. Visit one of our many displays, climb into farm machinery, and get up close to farm animals. Bring the kids to complete a stamp card and receive a free cup of custard from Whit's Frozen Custard. Food will be available for purchase from the Real McCoy BBQ food truck, Sno Shack trailer, kettle corn, several 4-H clubs, and others.



This year's First Farm Friday will be followed by a concert in the 2023 Coshocton Summer Concert Series on Main Street. The concert series is presented by the City of Coshocton and Our Town Coshocton with the

primary sponsor being the Bechtol Fund of the Coshocton Foundation. The first concert of the series will be Bad Animals - The Heart Tribute on June 24 on the Court Square. The second concert will be Dirty Deeds - Extreme ACDC Tribute on July 15. The performer after First Farm Friday will be up and coming country singer Claudia Hoyser. A September concert is also planned.

> Do you have a question for a local farmer? At First FARM Friday, you can talk to the men and women of Coshocton County agriculture. All of the presenters at the event volunteer their time to educate the community about Coshocton County's number one industry. First FARM Friday was organized to be a fun, educational event that helps the general public understand the importance of agriculture in our community and beyond.





SWCD Seeking Candidates for the Board of Supervisors

Coshocton Soil & Water Conservation District is seeking candidates for its Board of Supervisors. Two supervisors will be elected this year, each with three-year terms beginning in January 2024.

Board Supervisors guide the district, its staff, and cooperating agencies in efforts

to implement conservation programs in the county that address management and conservation of soil, water, and related resources. Board members should have a sincere interest in conservation and must have the enthusiasm, dedication, and time to serve as an elected official. This is a volunteer position, but supervisors can be reimbursed for mileage & expenses related to events involving soil and water professionals.

What a potential supervisor needs to know:

- Candidate must be over 18 years old and a resident of Coshocton County.
- This is a volunteer position with a 3-year term.
- Regular Board Meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. April through November, 10:00 a.m. December through March, meetings normally run about 2 hours.
- Attendance at occasional outside meetings, events, or trainings is required.

If you are interested in running to become a Supervisor or would like more information, please contact Deb Bigelow at debbigelow@coshoctoncounty.net or 740-622-8087, ext. 4.

Cost Share for Cover Crops

The Coshocton SWCD in partnership with the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) and the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will once again offer a cover crop cost share program in 2023. The cost share rate is \$12 per acre with a cap of 200 acres per applicant. A requirement of the application process is current soil tests within the last 4 years of the fields enrolled in the program. USDA-NRCS standards must be followed for seeding dates and planting rates. Aerial, broadcast, or drilling methods can be used to plant the cover crop. Deadline for program applications is Wednesday, July 12.

SWCD staff can assist you with the application process. Call the office at 740-622-8087 ext. 4 or email <u>zachwallace@coshoctoncounty.net</u> or <u>ryanmedley@coshoctoncounty.net</u> for assistance or further details.





Cover Crop Walk Scheduled

Coshocton SWCD is working with several surrounding counties to host a Soil Health Cover Crop Walk on Thursday, July 6th at 6:00 p.m. The drive-it-yourself tour will begin at the Linton Twp Garage (104 Jacobsport Drive Plainfield, OH 43836). Carpooling from this point is encouraged. The featured farmers for the evening are Seth, Homer, Jim, and Jason Porteus, and Jerry Lahmers. Participants will be able to look at residue left from spring planting, the stage of

cash crop growth, and hear management challenges and solutions from the farmers. The Porteus Family will also have their Salford air seeding vertical tillage tool, corn planter, and possibly sprayer with Y drops on display to educate attendees on the modifications made to manage heavy cereal rye residue in a continuous corn cropping system. There is no charge for the meeting and dinner will be provided. Reservations are required to ensure that we order enough food! RSVP to the Coshocton SWCD at 740-622-8087 ext. 4 or email <u>samanthadaugherty@coshoctoncounty.net</u>. Please let us know if you are coming by Monday, July 3rd.

Entries Sought for Big Tree Contest

This contest is open to all species of trees growing on private property. Property line trees and trees growing on federal, state, or local government owned land are not eligible. Any person can enter a tree that is physically located in Coshocton County. Two winning trees will be chosen this year. One tree will be chosen in the county and the Coshocton Is Blooming tree will be in the Coshocton city limits. There is no limit for number of entries. Entries will be measured by Coshocton SWCD staff using the national standardized measurement criteria. The owners of the winning Big Trees will each receive a plaque and 2 tickets to Coshocton SWCD's Annual Meeting & Banquet on October 19 at the Lake Park Pavilion. Contact the our office or visit the website for an entry form or more information. Entries must be received by Friday, July 28.

Pasture Walks Reminder

There are two Pasture Walks planned for 2023. The first is on Tuesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Josh and Mary Thomas farm (54893 Township Road 172, Fresno, OH 43824) and the second is Tuesday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Travis & Jenna Gregorich Farm (17242 State Route 60, Dresden, OH 43821). More information is found on Facebook, our website, or by calling our office at (740)622-8087 x 4.



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The new 2023 Coshocton County Plat Books are now available! For the first time, the maps are in color. You can purchase them at our office for \$10.00 each (\$9.28 plus 7.75% sales tax). A mailed copy of the plat book is an additional \$5.00. To see sample pages visit our website, www.coshoctonswcd.org, under "Available Items."

For a mailed copy, please send a check to the Coshocton SWCD for \$15.00 (\$9.28) + \$0.72 sales tax + \$5.00 mailing fee) with a note that you want a plat book. Be sure to also provide your mailing address. The plat book will be sent to you when we receive payment. Our mailing address is Coshocton SWCD, 724 S. 7th Street Room 120, Coshocton, OH 43812-2362. Contact our office at (740)622-8087 ext. 4 or email samanthadaugherty@coshoctoncounty.net with any questions.

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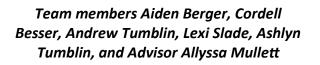
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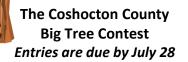
River View FFA Competes at Ohio Envirothon



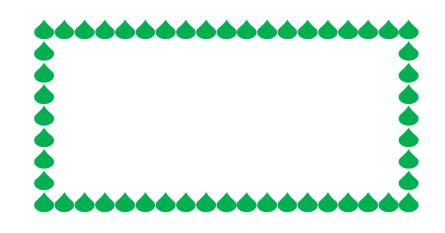
Congratulations to the River View FFA team for participating in the Ohio Envirothon at Defiance College, June 11-13, 2023. Team members Aiden Berger, Cordell Besser, Andrew Tumblin, Lexi Slade, and Ashlyn Tumblin spent Monday in the field testing in each of the five subject areas; soils, aquatics, forestry, wildlife, and current environmental issues.

They spent Monday evening preparing an oral presentation to be given Tuesday morning before a panel of 3 professional judges. Nineteen teams participated in the contest from all over Ohio. Placing first at the Ohio Envirothon was Fort Jennings High School from Putnam County. They will compete in the National Envirothon at New Brunswick, Canada in July.

The Coshocton County Career Center Big Oaks team also qualified to compete at the Ohio Envirothon but was not able to attend. Thanks to all the students who competed at the Area 3 Envirothon in late April and we hope to see you back next year!









Calendar of Events

July 4 Independence Day,

July 12 SWCD Board Mtg, 8:00 p.m.

August 4 First Farm Friday, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

August 9 SWCD Board Mtg, 8:00 p.m.

> August 29 Pasture Walk, 6:30 p.m.

September 4 Labor Day, Office Closed