



# Conservation In Action

**Fall  
2024**

Your  
Soil & Water  
Conservation  
Specialists!

## Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District

### SWCD Supervisors

Beth Mullen - Chairperson  
Greg Waters - Vice Chair  
David Lapp - Secretary  
Kristy Leindecker - Fiscal Agent  
Jordan Olinger - Treasurer

### NRCS Staff

Josh Britton - District Conservationist  
Mathew Hursey - Resource Conservationist  
Derrick Hill - Natural Resources Specialist

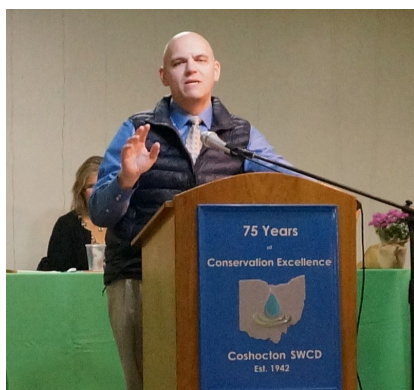
### SWCD Staff

Ryan Medley - District Administrator  
Kelsey Saylor - Admin. Assistant  
Zach Wallace - District Technician  
Michaela Savage - District Technician

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

## 168 in Attendance at 82nd Annual Meeting and Banquet

The Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District held their 82nd Annual Meeting and Banquet at Lake Park Pavilion Thursday evening, October 17, 2024. Over 160 area residents and special guests were in attendance. A buffet dinner was served by Theo's Restaurant of Cambridge preceding the meeting.



*Guest Speaker, Andy Vance, shared his connection with Coshocton County*

The Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission held an election for one supervisor to be elected to the Coshocton SWCD Board of Supervisors. Beth Mullen was elected for a three-year term starting January 1, 2025.

Andy Vance, Executive Director of the Poultry Science Association, was the featured speaker for the evening. Mr. Vance shared his unique perspective on the industry, having spent significant time as a farm radio broadcaster at WRFD-AM, the Buckeye Ag Radio Network, and ABN Radio, and later as a writer for Feedstuffs, the leading trade journal for the feed and livestock sectors.

Coshocton Soil and Water Conservation District announced the 2024 Outstanding Conservation Farmer of the Year Award which went to Bruce Stevens. Rock Hill Farm consists of 188 acres and is located in Washington Township. The

Stevens family raises 32 cow/calf pairs which graze on 60 acres of pasture. They also utilize 70 acres of hay and 45 acres of row crops. Conservation practices installed on the Stevens farm include: 3 Spring Developments, 1 Water Well, 8 Watering Facilities, 2,965 Feet of Pipeline, 1 Waste Storage Structure consisting of 5,504 cubic feet, 1 Roof & Cover covering 2,080 square feet, 1 Concrete Heavy Use Protection covering 800 square feet, 90 Feet of Underground Outlet, 200 Feet of Access Road, 11,411 Feet of Fence, 11 Acres of Herbaceous Weed Treatment, and an active Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan for 67 acres. Rock Hill Farm hosted a stop on the County Officials Tour in July 2021.



*Supervisor David Lapp with Outstanding Conservation Farmer, Bruce Stevens*

Coshocton SWCD sponsored the Coshocton County Junior Fair Hay Show with Cassie Putt from TMK Bakersville serving as the Official Judge. 2024 Hay Show winners recognized were: Shiloh Kinzel, River View FFA, daughter of Andy and Missy Kinzel, won Alfalfa, Grass and Light Mixed Hay class, and Wade Thompson, Ridgewood FFA, son of Tom and Denise Thompson won the Mixed Hay class. Winners received a rosette and a \$25 cash award for each class.



*Hay Show Winners  
Shiloh Kinzel and Wade  
Thompson with Supervisor  
Kristy Leindecker*



*"Coshocton is Blooming"*  
Big Tree Winner  
Becky Morris with  
Tom Heading



*County Big Tree Winner  
Quentin Sergeant with  
Supervisor Greg Waters*

*Supervisor Beth Mullen presents  
30-year certificate to recognize  
Supervisor David Lapp.*

The winners of the Mystery Photo Contest - which was part of our display at the Coshocton County Fair and also on social media, were Andrew Tumblin and Barb Banbury. The mystery photo was of the Wentz Farm in White Eyes Township. Andrew and Barb's names were drawn from 5 correct entries.

David Lapp was recognized for completing his 30th year as a Board Supervisor at the end of this year. David was thanked for his loyal service and was presented with a 30-year service certificate. The meeting adjourned after door prizes were drawn.

## Cover Crops in Coshocton County

Coshocton County area producers received over 4,400 acres in cost share to apply cover crops to fields from Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. Coshocton SWCD staff once again coordinated the aerial application of seed with Fisher Crop Care by Air in early September on over 1,100 acres. Seed for the fly on program was provided by TMK Bakersville and Eastern Ohio Ag.







Sam with her husband, Kyle, daughter, Kenzie, and son, Scott

## Saying Good-Bye to Assistant Administrator Samantha Daugherty

For those that attended the Annual Banquet, we said good-bye to our Administrative Assistant, Samantha Daugherty. Sam worked for the District for just over seven years. During her years with Coshocton SWCD, she added her husband, Kyle, and their two beautiful children, Kenzie (3) and Scott (1). Sam plans to dedicate her time and attention to her family unit and their homestead at the Daugherty Farm. We cannot thank Sam enough for her dedication to the District and we wish her all the best.



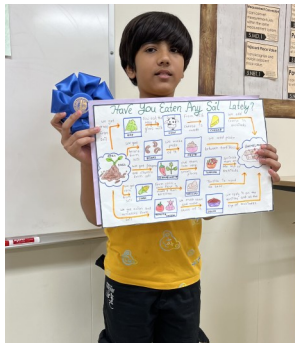
### 2024 Poster Contest Winners – “Have you Eaten Any Soil Lately”

Thank you to all the 5th grade teachers and students who participated in the Annual 5th Grade Poster Contest sponsored by Coshocton SWCD. Coshocton County 5th graders prepared entries in the 2024 Conservation Poster Contest theme “Have you Eaten Any Soil Lately” after a school presentation on how all our food can be traced back to the soil. 14 “Best of Class” entries were on display at the Coshocton SWCD Fair Display and judged by the public to determine the top 3 posters. A total of 1,344 eligible votes were cast. Layla Cottrell of RVIS took 1st

**1st Place: Layla Cottrell**



**2nd Place: Yug Patel**



**3rd Place: Jessa Wharton**



place, \$25 cash prize, and won a pizza party for her class. Yug Patel of RVIS took 2nd place, \$15 cash prize and won an ice cream party for his class. Jessa Wharton of RVIS took 3rd place, \$10 cash prize, and also won an ice cream party for her class. Congratulations to these students on their outstanding work and thank you to everyone that voted in our 5th grade poster contest.

## Tis the Season - Seeking 2025 Affiliate Members and Renewals are Due!

### 2024 Affiliate Members

#### Diamond

Coshocton County Beacon  
Coshocton Grain Company  
Eastern Ohio Ag  
Judge Tim & Daphne France

#### Platinum

Gerber & Sons, Inc.  
Heritage Cooperative  
Home Loan Savings Bank  
McWane Ductile - Ohio  
Millwood Lumber  
Pony Field Farm LLC

#### Gold

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

Endsley Insurance Agency  
Gottlieb, Johnston, Beam & Dal Ponte  
Harold's Equipment, Inc.  
Hidden Spring Farm - Tim Rogers  
Jim & Gail Piper  
Larry A. Frye Farms  
Lynn Wells - In Memory of Ray Griffith  
McCoy Homestead  
Owens & Manning, Attorneys  
People's Bank  
Seed Consultants - Lance Weaver  
Sheriff James A. & Lisa Crawford  
Sturtz Farm - Larry & Maureen Sturtz  
The Garden Patch Greenhouse  
Thousand Oaks Farms  
TMK Bakersville  
Tumblin Farms - David Tumblin Family  
WenMar Farms, Inc.  
William Albert, Inc.  
Wills Transport & Excavating

#### Silver

Baird Concrete  
Charlie & Ruby Helmick  
Cosh. Clerk of Courts Camila Graham  
Cosh. Co. Engineer Fred Wachtel  
Coshocton Co. Sportsmen Association  
Deb Bigelow  
Dane & Amy Shryock  
Garber Brothers Farms LLC  
Jacobs Vanaman Agency, Inc.  
Knotty Nuff Acres  
Scheetz Marketing  
Steven Oster

#### Bronze

Alan Donaker Surveying  
Cosh. Co. Treasurer  
Janette Donaker  
Frontier Power Company  
Doug & Andrea Fry  
Saylor Wealth Strategies

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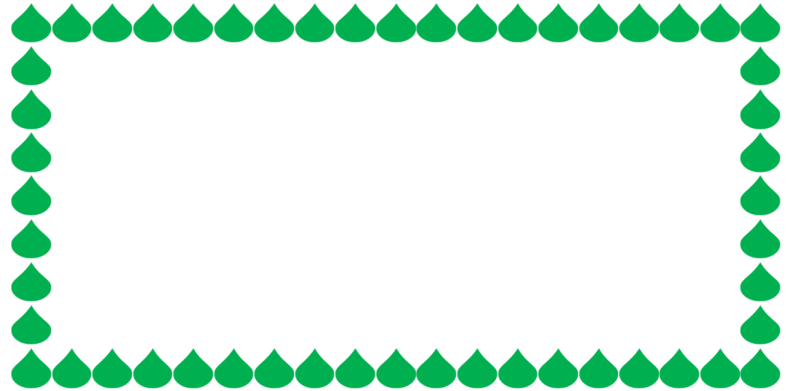
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**Tree sale information  
will be in the next issue!**

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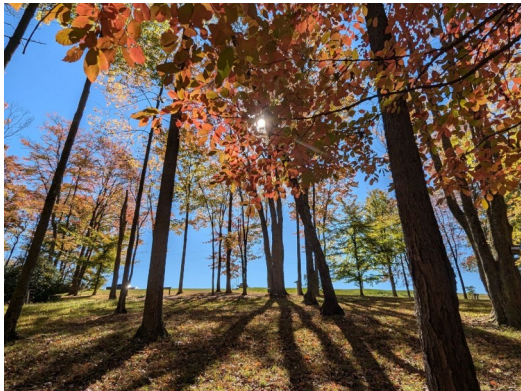
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opportunity employers and providers.

## 53rd Fall Foliage & Farm Tour Draws Crowd



Near peak foliage and beautiful weather made the 53rd Coshocton County Fall Foliage & Farm Tour one of the most well attended tours in recent years. Over 1,900 people from 33 Ohio counties, 7 states, and 4 countries enjoyed the tour which meandered through Bethlehem, Clark, Keene, Millcreek, and Tuscarawas townships.

The tour is sponsored by OSU Extension, Coshocton SWCD, and the Farm Service Agency. These agencies would like to thank all of the tour hosts and volunteers which made this tour a resounding success. Thank you to the Coshocton County Fairgrounds, J.D. Lawrentz Farm, Endsley Farms, Warren Lapp & Son, River View FFA, Heritage Vineyards Winery, Gospel Hill Ministry, Bonnie Glenn Farm, and Daugherty Farms for their hospitality.

The 54th tour is tentatively scheduled for October 18-19, 2025 in the northeastern area of the county.



## Calendar of Events

**November 28-29**  
Thanksgiving Holiday,  
Office Closed

**December 4**  
SWCD Board Mtg,  
12:00 p.m.

**December 24-25**  
Christmas Holiday,  
Office Closed

**January 1**  
New Year's Day,  
Office Closed

**January 8**  
SWCD Board Mtg,  
12:00 p.m.

**January 20**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day,  
Office Closed

**February-March**  
SWCD Tree Seedling Sale