

January 10, 2024

Vote: Shryock yea
Fischer yea
Conkle yea

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OSU Extension-2023 Program Highlights

At 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Emily Marrison, Mrs. Jenny Stickler and Mr. Chris Allen all attended the Commissioners meeting to discuss 2023 program highlights withing the OSU Extension office. Mrs. Marrison began the highlights with the programs she oversees, such as; Real Money. Real world-which is an interactive financial literacy for high school students (263 students in 3 schools) took this class; Homebuyer Education-a program with Ohio Housing Finance Agency to counsel homeowners, in 2023 there were 46 budgeting consultations within 9 counties; and Food Safety Training-this program empowers managers and food handlers with best practices, in 2023 there were 82 contacts (8 classes, 36 business/institutions within 4 counties). Additionally, in 2023 the media communication about research-based healthy living topics, saw 53 newspaper columns, 41 radio updates, 3 radio interviews and 10 online webinars. OSU Extension provides lifelong learning in three main areas: Healthy People-of adults 65 and older in Coshocton County, 22% have been diagnosed with diabetes and more than half (58%) of adults with diabetes rated their health as fair or poor. The Dining with Diabetes program has become a cornerstone program of OSU Extension and Coshocton Regional Medical Center with assistance from Coshocton Public Health District.; Healthy Finances- in the past 5 years, OSU Extension has reached 1,148 students in Coshocton, Ridgewood, and River View school districts as well as the Coshocton County Career Center and the Coshocton Opportunity School with 232 financial literacy classes as part of the Real Money. Real World. Program; Healthy Relationships-for the past two years, Emily Marrison has facilitated the Poverty Simulation for the social services joint program day with Coshocton County. In 2023 there were 32 participants divided into family units with the goals of meeting the basic needs for their families for a simulated month. Mr. Shryock believes that Real Money. Real World. is critical in this day and age to teach the youth in this area. Mrs. Jenny Stickler spoke next on the 2023 Coshocton County 4-H Summary; Forty-six cloverbud age youth (5-8) attended the 2023 Cloverbud Camp; currently there are 588 youth members of organized 4-H community clubs, which is a 10% increase from 2022; 1700 interactions with youth participating in school enrichment programs at all area schools happened in 2023. The Junior Leadership club is a county-wide focused on leadership, citizenship, and community. In 2023, thirty-nine teens took advantage of joining this club to expand their life skills and learn more about their community. Three Hundred and ninety-six youth attended a county Assuring Quality Care for Animals training, these included 4-H and FFA member. The training is required to exhibit many of the animal species that come to the Coshocton County Junior Fair. Lastly, Mrs. Stickler gave some fast facts: 50+ Coshocton 4-H members exhibited at the Ohio State Fair, \$4000 was raised at Dinner on the Farm for 4-H, 311 students were met for Ag Day, 60 chickens had blood tested for the fair exhibition, 112 participated in a session at national conference and 784 4-H projects were completed. Mrs. Stickler was able to purchase poultry processing equipment and is now able to process fair birds, after the 2023 fair 96 chickens were processed. Mr. Hayhurst asked Mrs. Stickler how important she thinks the fair is? Jenny stated that the fair is very important to those who participate, the fair is what those kids work all year for, to exhibit and be proud of their work and what they raised. Mr. Chris Allen just gave a brief introduction of himself, Chris was raised in Coshocton and then went off to the army for 4-years and then was in the reserves for an additional 6-year, after traveling, he went to Ohio State and majored in Animal Science. Mr. Allen had a career in breeding pigs. In 2000 Mr. Allen moved back to Ohio and in 2003 his family bought a small farm in Coshocton County. He enjoys the variation in tasks on what is needed of him and is enjoying the new adventure of this job. His service back to the community is very rewarding to him and he is appreciative of this opportunity. This new roll is allowing him to get back to his roots and give back to the community and he is blessed with this. In closing, Mr. Shryock talked about the importance of 4-H and how it allows the youth to learn demonstration as well as public speaking, in his job alone as a commissioner he gives roughly 30-40 speeches a year, 4-H is vital to help with public speaking as they have a great program for this. Mr. Shryock thanked all three attendees for their time.

Soil and Water Conservation District, Member Swearing In

Mr. Fischer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Conkle to swear in the following Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor for a term of 3 years beginning in 2024; Mr. Jordan Olinger and Mr. David Lapp. At 11:00 a.m. Mr. Shryock swore in both Mr. Jordan Olinger and Mr. David Lapp with Mr. Ryan Medley present.

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Meetings Attended

All three Commissioners attended the Lank Bank Meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024. Mr. Dane Shryock spoke with Mr. Josh Kempf, Deputy Engineer in regards to CR 106 bridge on Wednesday morning, January 10th.

Adjourn

Mr. Shryock adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.


Dane R. Shryock


Rick Conkle


Gary Fischer


Clerk