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FAIRFIELD SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REORGANIZE

On January 12, 2023, the Fairfield SWCD Board of Supervisors selected the following officers for 2023: Gregg Pontius - *Chair*, Doug Tenney - *Vice-Chair*, Amber Hoisington - *Secretary*, David Ochs - *Treasurer/Fiscal Agent* and Linda Claypool - *Member*.

The regular monthly Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Fairfield County Ag Center. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Please contact our office for information on any changes to the schedule.

THANKS WENDY!

We would like to thank Wendy LaRue for her service on our Board of Supervisors. She served on our board for two 3-year terms and held positions of Secretary and Vice-Chair.

Wendy is pictured with a Certificate of Appreciation from ODA and FSWCD for her service.



NEWLY ELECTED SUPERVISOR SWORN IN



Newly elected board member Amber Hoisington was sworn in by Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix prior to the January 12, 2023, SWCD Board meeting.

She began her 3-year term on January 1. We are excited to welcome Amber!



Spring is almost here! It's time again for the Tree Seedling Sale. See inside for descriptions and order form.

2023 Seedling Tree Sale Order Form

Indicate quantity of saplings or packs in area provided for each variety				
Native Shrubs, Small Trees, and Fruit Trees	Most Saplings (3'-4')*	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (12"-18")	Total # of packets × price
	\$12.00	\$14.00	\$40.00	
American Hazelnut				
Black Willow				
Eastern White Cedar			N/A	
American Plum *				
Gray Dogwood *				
Redbud				
* Marked Saplings are 2-3'				
Native Large Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of packets × price
	\$14.00	\$34.00	\$110.00	
American Elm				
Bald Cypress				
Black Walnut				
Ohio Buckeye				
Shingle Oak				
Sugar Maple				
White Oak				
Native Large Conifer Tree Species	Pack of 5 (12"-18")	Pack of 25 (6"-12")	Pack of 100 (6"-12")	Total # of packets × price
	\$14.00	\$25.00	\$70.00	
White Pine				
Additional Items	Quantity		Cost	Total
Wildflower Seeds: 200'sq of perennials, grasses & annuals			\$5.00	
Boundary Marking Paint: 8" wide aerosol, long-lasting, fast dry			\$8.00	
Tree Tube and Wood Stake: 4' height, protects young trees			\$7.50	
Marking Flags (white): 21" metal shaft with 2.5" x 3.5" flag			\$0.10	
Dibble Bar: thin wedge cast blade to quickly plant seedling trees			\$95	
Pond Management Book guide by Steve Fender			\$20.00	
			TOTAL	
<i>** State Auditor requires Soil & Water to collect tax. Non-profits and farms must provide tax exempt form with order.</i>			** Sales Tax (6.75%)	
Order Deadline: March 17, 2023 Pick Up: Friday, April 21, 2023			TOTAL DUE	

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2023 Tree Seedling Descriptions

NATIVE SHRUBS, SMALL TREES, FRUIT TREES



American Hazelnut

Mature Height: 10'-16'
Mature Width: 8'-13'
Growth Rate: F-M
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: N

Comments/Uses: round shrub, edible fruit, variant autumn foliage



Black Willow

Mature Height: 30'-60'
Mature Width: 30'-60'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: S, P SH
Soil Moisture: M, W
Soil pH: Variety

Comments/Uses: protects from flood damage, attracts butterflies



Eastern White Cedar

Mature Height: 40'-45'
Mature Width: 12'-15'
Growth Rate: M-S
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: M, W
Soil pH: N

Comments/Uses: ornamental, wet footed



American Plum

Mature Height: 15'-25'
Mature Width: 15'-25'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: S
Soil Moisture: D, M
Soil pH: N

Comments/Uses: edible fruit, fragrant flowers, attracts birds



Gray Dogwood

Mature Height: 10'-16'
Mature Width: 10'-15'
Growth Rate: M-S
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: N

Comments/Uses: forms a thicket, attracts birds & butterflies



Redbud

Mature Height: 20'-30'
Mature Width: 25'-35'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A

Comments/Uses: adaptable, edible pink-magenta flowers

NATIVE LARGE TREES



American Elm

Mature Height: 60'-80'
Mature Width: 60'-100'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: S
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: N

Comments/Uses: adaptable, wildlife, butterflies



Black Walnut

Mature Height: 75'-100'
Mature Width: 75'-100'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: M, D
Soil pH: A, N

Comments/Uses: edible fruit, fragrant flowers, good shade.



Ohio Buckeye

Mature Height: 20'-40'
Mature Width: 20'-40'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: S, P, SH
Soil Moisture: M, W
Soil pH: A

Comments/Uses: attracts wildlife, Ohio's State Tree



Shingle Oak

Mature Height: 50'-70'
Mature Width: 50'-70'
Growth Rate: M-S
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A

Comments/Uses: adaptable, bottomlands, timber, wildlife



Sugar Maple

Mature Height: 40'-80'
Mature Width: 30'-60'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: S, P, SH
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A

Comments/Uses: valued for sap & timber, autumn foliage



White Oak

Mature Height: 50'-70'
Mature Width: 50'-70'
Growth Rate: M-S
Light Required: S, P
Soil Moisture: D, M, W
Soil pH: N

Comments/Uses: timber, wildlife, long-lived, ornamental

NATIVE LARGE TREE



Bald Cypress

Mature Height: 50'-75'
Mature Width: 20'-45'
Growth Rate: M
Light Required: S
Soil Moisture: D, M, W
Soil pH: A

Comments/Uses: attracts wildlife, adaptable, long-lived



White Pine

Mature Height: 60'-80'
Mature Width: 20'-40'
Growth Rate: F
Light Required: S
Soil Moisture: M
Soil pH: A, N

Comments/Uses: timber, windbreak, wildlife

NATIVE LARGE CONIFER TREE

Growth Rate: F = fast, 12"+ per year,
M = medium 6"-12" per year,
S = slow 2"-6" per year
Light Required: S = sun, P = part sun/shade,
SH = shade
Soil Moisture: D = dry, M = medium, W = wet
Soil pH: A = acidic (6.5 or less),
N = normal pH range (6.5-7.5),
B = basic/alkaline (7.5+)

PLEASE ORDER EARLY as orders are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. All orders are subject to availability. Please visit www.lickingswcd.com to place your order online (select Fairfield as your pickup location). The Fairfield SWCD will not be liable for any seedlings not picked up on the original pick-up date. All trees and shrubs are state and federally inspected. We may need to make reasonable substitutions based on availability of certain species.

THE BEST TREE FOR YOUR SITE: SELECTION, PLANTING AND CARE

Join Tommy Springer, SWCD Wildlife Specialist, and Carrie Brown, OSU Extension ANR Educator, for a virtual program discussing trees! Learn which trees and shrubs included in this year's SWCD tree sale are right for your site—whether you have a city lot or looking to reforest “the back 40”.



Get tips for planting projects of any size, and learn how to take care of your trees once they're in the ground. They will conclude the program with a live Q&A so come curious!

**Thursday, February 23, 2023
12 p.m.—1:30 p.m.**

Virtual via Zoom (link provided upon registration)

This program is free of charge, and you can register online at go.osu.edu/ftrees or by calling (740) 653-5419. Contact Carrie Brown at (740) 277-4630 or brown.2766@osu.edu for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

The Fairfield SWCD is currently working on details to hold a Drug Collection Event on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Please check our website at fairfieldswcd.org at a later date for more information.

NEW FOUNDATION FOUNDED

The Bill and Joyce Hague Foundation was founded in 2021 as a 501c3 nonprofit corporation. The founder, Joyce Hague, recognized the importance of protecting nature and to that end created the Foundation to acquire and restore land. The restoration process involves a review of the likely state of the land before settlement and initiating processes to return the property to as close to that status as practical. This usually involves an intensive effort to control invasive species and the planting of appropriate trees and shrubs. Watershed protection where applicable is also a priority.

Educators are encouraged to work with the Foundation on outdoor classroom events and long term study. The public is welcome to volunteer to assist with the restoration process and to participate in public events. Send inquires to tmfp@icloud.com.

SWCD EMPLOYEE EARNS AWARD

If you've worked with our office, you know our Fiscal Coordinator Christina Holt. At the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Winter Meeting, she was presented the 2022 Area 5 Employee of the Year award. Congratulations to Chris, on her well-deserved award.



Christina started as Administrative Assistant on April 8, 1996. Due to her extensive financial duties, her job description was appropriately changed to Fiscal Coordinator in 2019. During the summer of 2019, she became our longest-term employee with 23 years of service since our inception in 1943, 79 years ago.

Christina is the backbone of the district and keeps all of us in line. She is the first contact for the public whether by phone or in person at the office. Thank you, Chris, for 27 years of service!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEERS

Join the Fairfield County Master Gardener Volunteers at the following educational opportunities:

Seed Starting on the Cheap with Keith Eichhorn, Master Gardener Volunteer
Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 2 p.m.

Critter Control in Your Garden with Tommy Springer, SWCD Wildlife Specialist

&

Spotted Lantern Awareness with Carrie Brown, Extension Educator, Agriculture & Natural Resources

Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 2 p.m.

Recycling Yard Waste and More with Keri Murphy, Lancaster Fairfield Community Action, Litter Prevention Specialist

Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 2 p.m.

Sessions will be held at the Fairfield Co. Agricultural Center, 831 College Avenue, in Lancaster, OH and are free of charge.

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The Fairfield SWCD will award up to three \$1,000 college scholarships for any graduating high school seniors that plan to study Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation, or Environmental Education. The scholarship can be used for the pursuit of two-year or four-year degree programs as well as a technical college. Applicants must be residents of Fairfield County and can be home-schooled. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of application.

Applications for this scholarship can be acquired at the SWCD office or through the Fairfield SWCD website at fairfieldswcd.org/educational-services/scholarship. Along with the application, an official high school transcript, 400 word essay and two letters of recommendation are required. One recommendation needs to come from a teacher at the applicant's school; the other should be from a person in the local community (neither can be a relative). Eligible applicants will be required to interview to be eligible for the scholarship, with a decision made by the end of the current school year.

Scholarship funds will be distributed in two payments of \$500. The first payment will be issued once the recipient submits proof of full-time enrollment for the fall semester. The final payment will be issued after successfully completing the first semester of college and the submittal of grades to the SWCD office showing the recipient achieving at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Checks will be made payable to the student and can be used for tuition, room and board, books, or other educational expenses. Deadline to apply is March 31st.

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