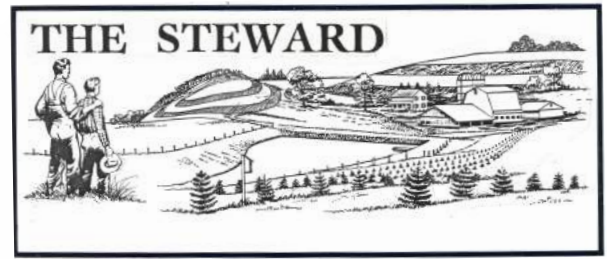


Summer 2022

Ashland

Soil & Water Conservation District



Mark your calendar for our '22 Annual Meeting!



2022 award winners to be honored include Cooperator of the Year Honey Haven Farm, Horizon Award winner Wendell Swartzentruber, and Volunteer of the Year Gigi Obringer!

WHAT'S COMING UP

Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

July 4: Independence Day

September 5: Labor Day

Board Meetings (at NEW SWCD office at 9 a.m.)

July 13, September 15

Farmer's Basket Markets Loudonville Central Park

July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19, & September 9 & 23

Conservation Chats:

July 8: Rain Barrels & Beyond

August 27: Crawdad Hunt

September: Nutrient Know How

October 1: Forestry FAQs

Ohio Certified Volunteer

Naturalist Classes: July 16-17, 23-24, 30

SWCD Election: July 21-August 19

Followed by August Board Meeting

Annual Meeting: August 16

Followed by August Board Meeting

Nature Journaling Conducted by The Wilderness Center

September 10, November 12 & December 10



Why mess with a good thing? We had such a great time at last year's SWCD/Farm Bureau joint annual meeting at Ashland University that we're heading back there again!

Our 2022 Annual Meeting will be **August 16, 2022 at the Myers Convocation Center.**

One of our favorite highlights of the evening is the recognition of our 2022 award winners:

- **Cooperator of the Year: Honey Haven Farm**
If you have one of those friends that always says yes whenever you call, you know how we feel about Honey Haven Farm. From participating in our Conservation Chats to hosting rain barrel workshops, annual meetings and even soils judging, the Boyer crew is always willing to lend a helping hand.
- **Horizon Award: Wendell Swartzentruber**
Almost every time we visit a farm, we here, "Wendell helped put this practice in." As NRCS district conservationist in Ashland for many years, Wendell has made in immeasurable impact on soil and water conservation in our county.
- **Volunteer of the Year: Gigi Obringer**
In its third year, our Rain Beat on Main Street rain barrel art and stormwater education program remains incredibly popular. But the program would not be possible without the support of artists like Gig (a two year artist) who has also recruited friends and co-workers to join the ranks of our volunteer artists.

Meet the Staff: Ruth McCrea



Staff Member Since: January 2022

Ruth has been serving as our Northern Ohio Watersheds Corp/Americorps service member since January, but she's no stranger to our office, having interned with us in the summer of 2021. In her service member role, Ruth helps coordinate our water quality testing program, conduct education & outreach programs, conduct soils assessments, and has taken the lead on our new Farmer's Basket Markets this summer in Loudonville.

A lifelong Ashland native, Ruth grew up on a small family farm with laying hens, beef cows and meat chickens in addition to some beehives. Ruth & her family grow multiple gardens each year. Her hobbies include hunting, trapping (which she enjoys doing with her younger sister) woodworking, carving and hide tanning. Ruth also enjoys growing her own broomcorn and making broomsticks.

Ruth is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in environmental science at Ashland University. She is very close to her three sisters (2 younger and 1 older) and enjoys working outdoors.

Ashland SWCD Board:

Justin Ringler: Chair
Roger Amos: Vice Chair
Valerie Hall: Secretary
Karen Welch: Fiscal Officer
Steve Hughes: Equipment Mgr.

JOIN ASHLAND SWCD & THE WILDERNESS CENTER AT THE HAZEL WILLIS WOODS FOR OCVN TRAINING!

The OCVN program provides a balanced, practical, & hands-on course in natural history. Topics include ecological concepts, nature interpretation, stewardship, and the fundamental identification skills and natural history of Ohio's flora and fauna.

COST: \$195

DATES:

JULY 9, 16-17, 23-24, 30

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Meet your 2022 Ashland SWCD Board Candidates

Ashland SWCD will be holding its board of supervisors election between July 14 and August 19. In addition to voting in-person at our annual meeting at Ashland University's Myers Convocation Center on August 16, you may also place your vote at any time during this period at our SWCD office or by requesting an absentee ballot. Now, let's meet your candidates:



Valerie Hall

Valerie is running for her second term on the Ashland SWCD board where she currently serves as secretary. She lives near Jeromesville on a grain farm where they grow corn, soybeans and wheat. Because that doesn't keep the Halls busy enough, they also spread fertilizer and lime, do custom spraying and tiling. In addition to keeping all the records for the farm, Valerie is the fiscal officer for Perry Township and treasurer for an investment club.

Valerie has two horses and two grandsons that she loves to spend time with on the farm. She also enjoys flea markets and antique stores.

Valerie graduated from Hillsdale High School and grew up between Hayesville and Mifflin after her family moved to Ashland County from Alabama when she was very young.



Justin Ringler

Justin has served as the Ashland SWCD chair since 2020. He is running for his third term on the SWCD board. Justin lives just north of Loudonville where he operates a dairy farm with his wife's family. He also farms with his family where he grew up near Mansfield.

"I ran for the soil and water conservation district board because it is a respected organization in Ashland County going for real-world conservation and environmentalism," Justin said.

Justin is a 2001 graduate of the Ohio State University where he majored in crop science. Justin says he doesn't really binge watch television, but says he does enjoy watching Cobra Kai on Netflix.



Terry Timmons

Terrus is a lifelong supporter of soil and water conservation. Terry lives in Loudonville and is a former dairy farmer who now raises corn, soybean, wheat and hay.

"I would like to be able to help the district continue on with the good work that has already been done," said Terry.

When he's not busy in the fields, Terry keeps busy planting Christmas trees and pumpkins as well as running a sugarbush.





Ashland Soil and Water Conservation District 2022 Fall Fish Stocking Program

Order Deadline: Tuesday, October 11; Order Pickup: Tuesday, October 18 from 11 a.m. until noon

NEW PICK UP LOCATION: Ashland County Fairgrounds



Name

Address

City

Zip

Phone

Email

FISH	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE/FISH	TOTAL
Bluegill	2-4"	X	\$1.20	
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"	X	\$1.20	
Channel Catfish	4-5"	X	\$1.20	
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	X	\$1.20	
Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	X	\$1.20	
Fathead Minnows		X	12¢	
White Amur	8-13"	X	\$17	
Multi-Colored Koi	6-8"	X	\$16	
Pond Management Book		X	\$20	
Nature Pond (Bacteria to clean the bottom of old ponds)		X	\$95/gal	
		X	\$380 /5 gal	
40# fish food (40% protein, small pellet)		X	\$55	
<i>Please add 7% sales tax to your order.</i>			SUBTOTAL	
<i>If you believe you qualify for tax-exempt status, please submit a blanket exemption certificate with your order.</i>			TAXES	
			TOTAL DUE	

Return order to: Ashland SWCD, 1763 State Route 60, Ashland OH 44805. **Money must accompany all orders!**

Make check payable to **Ashland SWCD**. If you have any questions, call the Ashland SWCD office at 419-281-7645.



PLEASE CUT HERE; KEEP BOTTOM AND RETURN TOP WITH PAYMENT.

Fish Stocking Rates

Stocking the recommended sizes and numbers of fish is very important for good fishing. Fingerlings 1-3 inches long are recommended for new and renovated ponds. Stocking larger fish is tempting but can lead to an unbalanced pond population. Stocking larger fish can also be very expensive. The table to the right suggests how many fish of each species to stock depending on the desired combination. Occasional stocking of larger fishes, or periodic restocking of channel catfish, may be necessary in ponds with established fish populations. The recommended stocking rate for Amurs is 10-12 per acre, and the stocking rate for Koi is 15-20 per acre.

For pick up: Bring a container (ex: bucket) with plastic liner (ex: trash bag) filled 1/4 full with pond water. 50-100 small fish will fit in a bucket; 2-3 kois or amurs will fit in a bucket.

Pick up is October 18 from 11 am until noon at the Ashland County Fairgrounds

STOCKING COMBINATION	NUMBER OF FISH TO STOCK PER ACRE			
	BASS	BLUEGILL	REDEAR	CATFISH
Bass - Bluegill	100	500	0	0
Bass - Bluegill - Catfish	100	500	0	100
Bass - Redear	100	0	500	0
Bass - Bluegill - Redear	100	350	150	0
Bass - Bluegill - Redear - Catfish	100	350	150	100

Don't miss our upcoming 2022 Conservation Chats!



Richard Sprague & Steve Hughes brainstorm stormwater management priorities at our Water You Gonna Do? Conservation Chat.

conservation chats



LOUNDEVILLE'S CENTRAL PARK 10 AM
July 8: rain barrel basics & beyond

- RAIN BARRELS ARE A GREAT WAY TO CAPTURE EXCESS STORMWATER AND PUT IT TO GOOD USE
- ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A RAIN BARREL KIT WITH BARREL & CONSTRUCT THEIR OWN RAIN BARREL
- INSPIRED BY THE BEAUTY OF OUR RAIN BEAT ON MAIN STREET RAIN BARREL EVENT? GET TIPS FROM SOME OF OUR ARTISTS ON HOW TO CREATIVELY MAKE YOUR BARREL UNIQUE!

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MOHICAN STATE PARK 11 AM
aug. 27: crawdad hunt

- LEARN ABOUT OHIO SCENIC RIVERS AND THE WONDERS THAT ARE IN OUR COMMUNITY!
- KIDS CAN JOIN IN A HANDS-ON STREAM EXPLORATION AND CRAWDAD HUNT. COME PREPARED TO GET WET!
- JOIN SWCD STAFF IN A HANDS-ON EXPLORATION OF MACROINVERTEBRATES AND THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN DETERMINING WATER QUALITY.



Lydia Fach from the Corps of Engineers spoke at our Wetland Wonders Chat about permitting issues.



Mohican State Park's wildlife activities have been a big hit at our Farmer's Basket Market in Loudonville!

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ASHLAND SWCD, 10 A.M. OR 2 P.M.
sept. 8: nutrient know how

- VOLUNTARY NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANS ARE THE "GATEWAY" PRACTICE TO ELIGIBILITY FOR ADDITIONAL COST-SHARE PRACTICES.
- LEARN HOW TO DEVELOP YOUR OWN VNMP & WHAT IS REQUIRED.
- BRING YOUR SOIL TESTS, MAPS & FARM RECORDS FOR A HANDS-ON WORK SESSION AND COMPLETE YOUR OWN VNMPs THAT DAY WITH PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE AND HELP ON SITE!

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ASHLAND SWCD
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