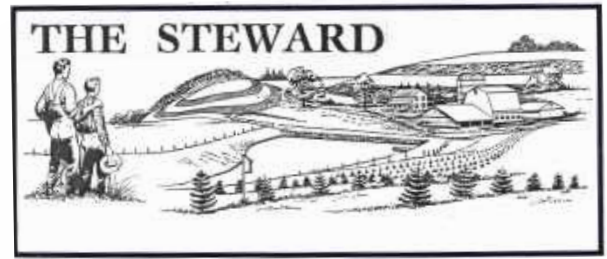


Summer 2023

Ashland



Soil & Water Conservation District

Join us for our 2023 Annual Meeting on August 22

This year we'll once again be joining forces with Ashland County Farm Bureau and heading back to Ashland University for our joint annual meeting. Our annual meeting will be **August 22, 2023 at the Myers Convocation Center.**

One of our favorite highlights of the evening is the recognition of our 2023 award winners:

- **Cooperator of the Year: Kinsey Valley Farm**

Everyone needs one of those "ride or die" friends in their life—the one you can call up with a new idea and they are always on board. From being the first Ashland County producer to use our cover crop interseeder to being one of the regular vendors at our Farmer's Basket Markets in Loudonville last summer, Kinsey Valley is always willing to try new

programs to help further their conservation goals. We can't say enough about how we appreciate their willingness to embrace change and new programs!

- **Horizon Award: Muskingum**

Watershed Conservancy District:

There's a common theme in all of our award winners this year: they are always willing to try new practices and programs with us. Not only is MWCD the driving force and financial support behind our thriving cover crop cost share program, but they also fund our livestock exclusion fencing program, log jam removal projects, voluntary nutrient management cost share and grazing management plan cost share programs. And on top of all of that, they have also been huge supporters of our equipment rental program through their Partners in Watershed Management grant program, which has provided funding funding to add a cover crop interseeder, small ground-driven manure spreader, and cover crop crimper roller to our lineup to help area producers implement next-level conservation programming on their farm. We truly value their long-term partnership!

- **Volunteer of the Year: Mapleton FFA**

Ashland SWCD's annual tree sale is a huge undertaking—and one we couldn't do without the support of our friends like Mapleton FFA. In 2022, Mapleton FFA hosted our tree sale pick up at their school and provided countless volunteer hours helping to pack and sort trees for our sale and county Arbor Day programs.

WHAT'S COMING UP

Ashland SWCD Office Closed:

July 4: Independence Day

September 4: Labor Day

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

July 12 & September 13 (no August meeting)

Conservation Chats:

July 11, 6 pm: Future of the Family Farm

August 19, 9 am: A Day in the Uplands

September 14, 6 pm: Dam It!

SWCD Election: July 27-August 25

Garden Cover Crop Seed Sale:

Order deadline: August 15; Pickup Sept. 5-8

Fall Fish Stocking Sale:

Order deadline: Oct. 6; Pickup Oct. 17

Aerial Cover Crop Seeding

Application Deadline: Aug. 15

Annual Meeting: August 22

2023 Garden Cover Crop Seed Sale

Order Deadline: August 15

Pickup: September 5-8 at Ashland SWCD Offices, 110 Cottage Street, Ashland (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip _____

Phone _____

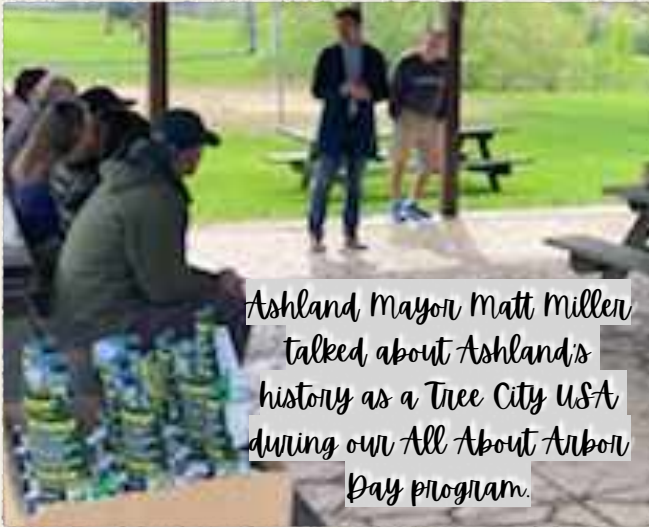
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COVER CROP MIXES (1# BAG)	SEEDING RATE	QUANTITY	PRICE	TOTAL
<p>Late Cover Mix: <i>Plant mid-August to mid October</i> Simple cover crop mix designed to plant with a minimal window prior to the first frost & still provide the benefits of a cover crop. This combination will loosen topsoil, protect soil from erosion & nutrient loss, suppress weeds, & provide mulch in the spring & food for soil micro & macro-organisms which are crucial to healthy soil. This mix is winter hardy & will continue growth in the spring. Contains cereal rye, oilseed radish, hairy vetch, & crimson clover</p>	<p>200-300 square feet/ pound</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>\$8</p>	
<p>Fall Cover Mix: <i>Plant August to mid September</i> Complex cover crop mix designed to winter kill, leaving a surface mulch in the spring requiring little to no management prior to planting. Ideal for cool-season vegetable spaces. This combination will loosen topsoil, protect soil from erosion and nutrient loss and suppress weeds. Surface residue will provide food for soil micro & macro organisms which are crucial for healthy soil. Contains cow pea, oilseed radish, ming bean, pearl millet, oats, & Ethiopian radish.</p>	<p>200-300 square feet/ pound</p>	<p>X</p>	<p>\$8</p>	
			SUBTOTAL	
<p>Please add 7% sales tax to your order. If you believe you qualify for tax-exempt status, please submit a blanket exemption certificate with your order.</p>			TAXES	
			TOTAL DUE	

Return order to: Ashland SWCD, 110 Cottage Street, Ashland OH 44805. **Money must accompany all orders!**

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2023 Conservation Chats have played to full houses!



Ashland Mayor Matt Miller talked about Ashland's history as a Tree City USA during our All About Arbor Day program.

conservation chats



LOUDONVILLE CENTERRA, 6 P.M.
16570 SR 3, LOUDONVILLE

july 11: future of the family farm

- LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION OPTIONS IN ASHLAND COUNTY AND THE APPLICATION PROCESS FROM JUDY KOCAB
- FIND OUT TIPS AND ADVICE ON FARM BUSINESS TRANSITION PLANNING & HOW TO HAVE THOSE FAMILY DISCUSSIONS ERIC BROWN FROM LEGACY CAPITAL ADVISORS
- OTHER TOPICS WILL INCLUDE FARM BUSINESS PLANS, INVESTMENTS, RETIREMENT OPTIONS, & LEADERSHIP

conservation chats



AVIAN ACRES, 9 A.M.
1650 SR 89, JEROMESVILLE

august 19: a day in the uplands

- LEARN ABOUT THE BENEFITS, MANAGEMENT, & PROPER SITE SELECTION FOR NATIVE WARM SEASON GRASSES
- EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR OLDER POLLINATOR HABITAT AS WELL AS TURK CONVERSION CHALLENGES LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE & CONTROL OF HERBACEOUS PLANTS
- DISCUSS DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENT METHODS & EQUIPMENT
- ASSESS FIELD EDGES AS HABITAT, INCLUDING EVALUATING NEEDS & THE IMPORTANCE OF COVER



Tim & Paula Lavey shared their native plant knowledge at Plants Gone Wild at Forbes Farmstead Market.

Ashland SWCD Board:



Justin Ringler: Chair

Roger Amos: Vice Chair

Valerie Hall: Secretary

Karen Welch: Fiscal Officer

Steve Hughes: Equipment Mgr.

conservation chats



ARTESIAN LAKE, 6 P.M.
1699 TR 1045, ASHLAND

september 14: dam it!

- DO YOU HAVE A POND OR LIVE NEAR A LARGE POND OR LAKE? COME LEARN THE BASICS OF DAM SAFETY!
- DISCOVER THE DIFFERENT CLASSES OF DAMS IN OHIO AS WELL AS THE DIFFERENT PERMITTING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS
- THINKING OF BUILDING A POND? KEITH LIBBEN FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL COVER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR POND/DAM CONSTRUCTION.
- LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF DAM INSPECTIONS AND MAINTENANCE

A Day in the Uplands - 2023 Wildlife Workshop Series



Join us in the field for our wildlife habitat workshop series

June 7th

Darke County Fish & Game

Bobwhite Quail Habitat Workshop



June 10th

Scioto County Farm

Bobwhite Quail Habitat Workshop



June 22th

Hopeton Earthworks - Hopewell Culture National Historical Park

Grazing Native Warm Season Grasses

Contact Jason Jones
(937) 423-0904
jjones@quailforever.org

July 22nd

Hopewell Culture National Historical Park

Managing Grasslands for Wildlife

Contact Garrett Caudill
(419) 565-0525
gcaudill@pheasantsforever.org

August 19th

Avian Acres Farm Park
Jeromesville, Ohio

Managing Private Lands for Wildlife



****Stay tuned for an August-September habitat event in southwest Ohio. Contact Renee Buck, rbuck@pheasantsforever.org for more information.**



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Meet the Staff:

Emma Burkhalter



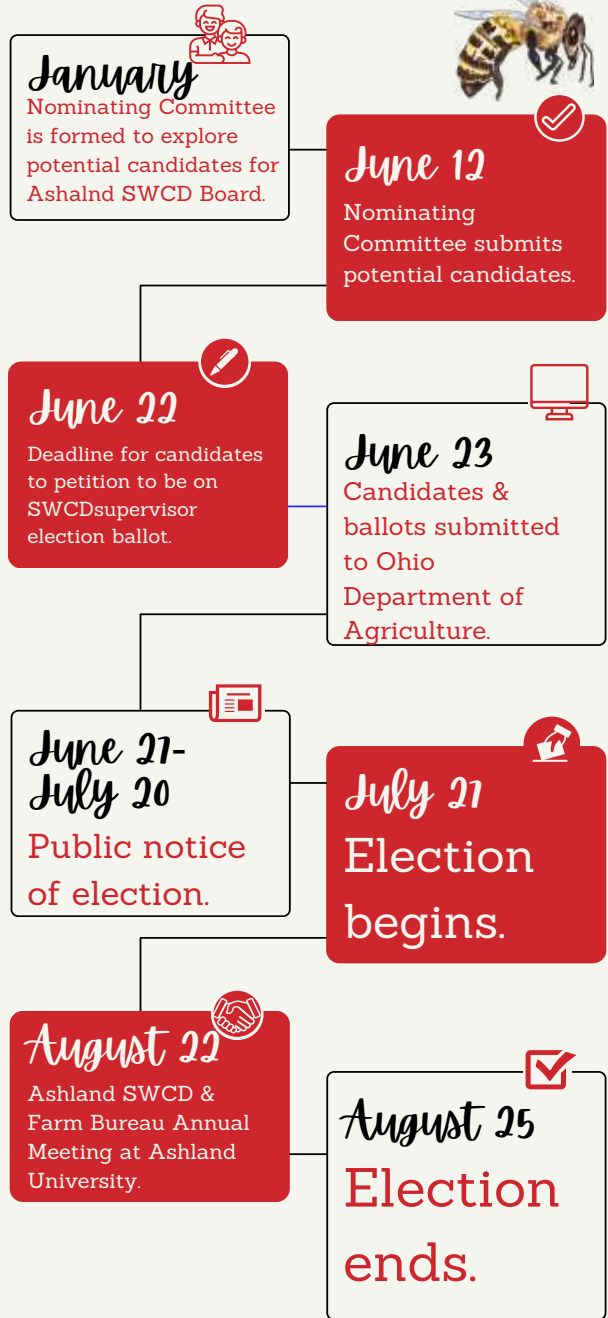
Intern Since: June 2023

Emma has joined the Ashland SWCD team as our summer intern. She is enjoying learning about soil and water conservation, from pollution abatement and conservation engineering to education and outreach .

Emma graduated from Loudonville-Perrysville High School this spring where she was an active member of the Loudonville-Perrysville FFA. This fall she will be attending Ohio State ATI in Wooster majoring an Agricultural Education, after which she hopes to become an agriculture education instructor and FFA advisor.

This summer she plans to work with & show her pigs and setters and spend time crafting with her Cricut. Emma has been binge watching Grey's Anatomy, and her favorite quote is from Maya Angelou: "You will face many defeats in life, but never let yourself be defeated."

Ashland SWCD 2023 Election Process



Learn more at ashlandswcd.com

2023 Fall Fish Stocking Program

Order Deadline: Friday, October 6; Order Pickup: Tuesday, October 17 from 10-11 a.m.

NEW PICK UP LOCATION: Ashland County Fairgrounds

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

FISH	SIZE	QUANTITY	PRICE/FISH	TOTAL
Bluegill	2-4"	X	\$1.30	
Hybrid Bluegill	2-4"	X	\$1.30	
Channel Catfish	4-5"	X	\$1.30	
Largemouth Bass	2-3"	X	\$1.30	
Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	X	\$1.30	
Fathead Minnows		X	12¢	
White Amur	8-13"	X	\$19	
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	
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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 17 from 10-11 am 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

Equipment Rental

ASHLAND SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT



2023 12 ft
Esch No-Till
Drill

2023 12 ft Esch No-Till Drill

- \$18/acre January 1-July 14; \$16/acre July 15 - December 31 (\$300 min charge); \$20/day for use more than 2 consecutive days
- Swing tongue for end transport

2018 10 ft John
Deere No-Till Drill



2018 10 ft John Deere No-Till Drill

- \$18/acre January 1-July 14; \$16/acre July 15 - December 31 (\$150 min charge); \$20/day for use more than 2 consecutive days



2023 I&J Cover
Crop Crimper
Roller

2023 I&J Cover Crop Crimper/Roller

- FREE within Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) boundaries; \$50/day outside of MWCD boundaries.
- 15-ft width with swing tongue for transport

2021 Cover Crop
Interseeder



2021 Cover Crop Interseeder

- \$5/acre within Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) boundaries; \$10/acre outside of MWCD boundaries.
- 6-row interseeder with end transport; 2 Salford row units/row

2022 Lancaster ground-
driven manure spreader



2019 APV Seeder & Side-by-Side UTV

- \$75/day; Includes use of box trailer
- Perfect for slug bait application or frost seeding; comes with light bar for even application

2022 Lancaster Ground-Driven Manure Spreader

- \$10/day within MWCD boundaries; \$50/day outside MWCD boundaries
- Includes flatbed trailer for transport

Live Traps

- \$10/day within MWCD boundaries



For more
information or to
schedule rental,
contact Katie
Eikleberry at
419-281-7645.

Don't Miss 2023 Rain Beat on Main Street!

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Sugargrove Tree Farm
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Tin Can Chandelier (3 barrels!)
Ralph & Betty Jo Tomassi
Truax Printing
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