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The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District presents
"It's My Conservation District"
 67th Annual Celebration of Conservation

Supervisor Election ■ Buffet Lunch ■ Awards Program ■ Children's Activities ■ Door Prizes

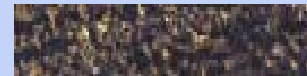
Saturday, October 1, 2011
 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Friendly Hills Grange Camp
 5880 Friendly Hills Road
 Contact Muskingum SWCD
 740-454-2027



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Entertainment by The Wayfarers

Deadline to reserve tickets:
Wednesday, September 21, 2011
Contact MSWCD at 740-454-2027



"Take care of the earth and she will take care of you." - Author Unknown

Tickets: \$8.00 for adults, \$5.50 for children under 12

Please reserve the following 2011 Annual Celebration of Conservation tickets for:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number of Adult Tickets at \$ 8.00 each _____

Number of Child Tickets at \$ 5.50 each _____

Total Enclosed _____

Deadline to order tickets is Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Mail ticket reservation request and payment to: Muskingum SWCD, 225 Underwood Street, Suite 100, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.

Reserved tickets may be picked up at the door.

"It's My Conservation District"

67th Annual Celebration of Conservation and Supervisor Election

The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD) will host "It's My Conservation District", the 67th annual celebration of conservation. The event will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011 at Friendly Hills Grange Camp. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

The featured entertainment is The Wayfarers, a local old-time Americana and blue grass band. Members of the band are Cory Stutes, Josh Hartman, Brandon Bankes, Justin Rayner and Nathan Zangmeister. The goal of the band is to integrate a variety of old-time pre-bluegrass and fiddle tunes into every performance. They play with a down-home feel and high energy that is characterized by early mountain music. Partial sponsorship of The Wayfarers is by Century National Bank, Evergreen Consulting Service, Kindler Forest Management, and Sorg Forest and Wildlife Services.

The meal will begin at 12:00 noon. The Community Bank and Farm Credit Services have graciously agreed to sponsor part of the cost of the meals, so the ticket prices are only \$8.00 for adults and \$5.50 for children under 12. After the meal we will present the 2011 Conservation Awards. There will also be children's activities.

The deadline for ordering tickets is Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Late ticket requests cannot be taken. To reserve tickets, contact the office at 740-454-2027.

Supervisor Election to be Held

The Ohio Soil and Water Commission will cause an election of two supervisors of the MSWCD, to be held in accordance with Chapter 15:15 of the Ohio Revised Code at the meeting. A person may vote without attending the remainder of the meeting or without purchasing a meal ticket.

County residents and landowners have three options for casting a ballot: call or visit the MSWCD office to request an absentee ballot request form (which can also be found on our website at www.muskingumswcd.org); cast a ballot at the office on Friday, September 30, 2011 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; or cast a ballot at the annual meeting on Saturday, October 1, 2011 between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Candidates for this year's election are Cathie Kreager, David McGlade, Todd Sands and Francis Steffee. To meet the candidates, see their profiles in this newsletter.

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Meet the Supervisor Candidates



Cathie Kreager

Cathie has served on the Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors for the past three years. She is currently serving as chairperson.

Cathie is an Animal Care Specialist at the Wilds and farms with her husband, Jeff. They live near Chandlersville and raise cows and calves. The Kreagers have installed several conservation practices in the past. They won the 2005 Resource Conservation Award (ag division). She has two grown children – Jessica (Rob) Drake and Jeremy (Katrina) Kreager.

Cathie is a member of the Muskingum County Cattlemens Association, the American Zoological Association and the Eastern Bison Association. She is a John Glenn High School graduate. In her free time she gardens, hunts for antlers, and loves spending time with her grandchildren.



David McGlade

David and his wife Andrea live near Nashport. They have two children – Spencer and Emma.

David is a 1979 graduate of Zanesville High School, a 1984 graduate of The Ohio State University, and a 1988 graduate of The University of Toledo College of Law. He is a practicing lawyer with Magaziner and McGlade LLC.

David is a member of the Zanesville Quarterback Club, the Ohio Association of Justice, Ruffed Grouse Society, Muskingum County Bar Association (in which he served as president in 2010) and the Ohio State Bar Association.

David has also received the 2010 Division of Wildlife Award for his outstanding conservation efforts for Ohio's wildlife.



Francis Steffee

Francis and his wife, Shirley, live on 214 acres near Dresden, where they raise hay and sheep. A majority of their acreage is in pasture and managed woodland. The Steffees have installed numerous conservation practices in the past few years and won the 2010 Resource Conservation Award (ag division).

Francis graduated in 1965 from Union High School and took college and military courses. Francis is a 40+ year military veteran and a retired Federal Technician. He is a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau and has two adult children, Todd Steffee and Rhonda Fluharty, both whom live out of state.



Todd Sands

Todd attended West Muskingum High School, Ohio University Zanesville and Muskingum Area Technical College (now Zane State College). He is the owner of JT Sand Corp. Todd and his wife, Julie, have three daughters – Jennifer, Jessica, and Mary. They operate Hope Farms, an Angus cow/calf operation. The Sands have been involved with USDA conservation programs for several years.

Todd attends Grace United Methodist Church, where he serves as a youth Sunday school teacher. He is a member of the Ohio Farm Bureau. He has served on several Boards in the past, including for Christ's Table (both on the board and as a volunteer) and Untied Way, and he is a past member of Day Break Rotary.



2011 Backyard/Homeowner Conservation Clinics

March Clinic



July Clinic



April Clinic



August Clinic



May Clinic



March Clinic: Pollinators

April Clinic: Repurpose Reuse Recycle It

May Clinic: Build a Backyard Compost Bin

June Clinic: Water Feature in Your Backyard

July Clinic: From the Soil to Your Table

August Clinic: Name That Tree

October Clinic

Thursday, October 13
MSWCD Open House 4:00 - 6:00
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Exploring Growing Options on Marginal Land: A Workshop for Farmers and Land Managers

Join Us: Discussing the utilization of native prairie and tree species to improve soil, habitat and potential for revenue:

This workshop is for farmers and landowners who want to learn about methods and resources that are available to maximize productivity on marginal land.

Public is welcome!

When: Wednesday, September 28th, 2011
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Costs: FREE (without lunch) or \$10.75 fee (with box lunch)

Where: Participants will meet at the wilds main parking lot and shuttle to The Conservation Science Training Center, 14000 International Road, Cumberland, OH 43732

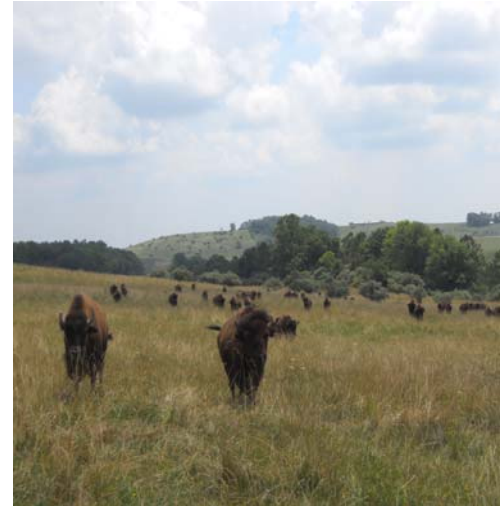
Agenda: Presenters from the Wilds, OSU, WVU, NRCS and others will discuss the issues associated with prairie restoration, native grass nutrition, forestry initiatives and resources available to landowners.

Representatives from the Wilds and other organizations will give live field demonstrations of prairie and tree planting.

Registration: Registration deadline-September 25.

Directions: The Wilds website at: <http://www.thewilds.org/visit/directions.asp>

Contact: Casey Brooks, the Wilds Sustainable Agriculture Manger,
740-638-5030 x 2425. cbrooks@thewilds.org



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Agriculture Secretary Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General West Announce Process to Resolve Discrimination Claims of Hispanic and Women Farmers

As part of continued efforts to close the chapter on allegations that discrimination occurred at USDA in past decades, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Assistant Attorney General Tony West today announced the establishment of a process to resolve the claims of Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who assert that they were discriminated against when seeking USDA farm loans.

"The Obama Administration has made it a priority to resolve all claims of past discrimination at USDA, and we are committed to closing this sad chapter in USDA's history," said Vilsack. "Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers who allege past discrimination can now come forward to participate in a claims process in which they have the opportunity to receive compensation."

"Under the resolution announced today, USDA and Hispanic and women farmers will be able to move forward and focus on the future," said Tony West, Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Division of the Department of Justice.

"The administrative process being established will give Hispanic and women farmers who believe they suffered discrimination the chance to have their claims heard."

The claims process offers a streamlined alternative to litigation and provides at least \$1.33 billion in compensation, plus up to \$160 million in farm debt relief, to eligible Hispanic and women farmers and ranchers. This announcement follows the Obama Administration's settlement of longstanding litigation brought by African American farmers and Native American farmers.

The program announced today provides up to \$50,000 for each Hispanic or woman farmer who can show that USDA denied them a loan or loan servicing for discriminatory reasons for certain time periods between 1981 and 2000. Hispanic or female farmers who provide additional proof and meet other requirements can receive a \$50,000 reward. Successful claimants are also eligible for funds to pay the taxes on their awards and for forgiveness of certain existing USDA loans. There are no filing fees or other costs to claimants to participate in the program.

Participation is voluntary, and individuals who opt not to participate are not precluded by the program from filing a complaint in court.

In conjunction with this announcement, USDA is launching an outreach effort to potential claimants that will include a call center for farmers and ranchers, a website, public service announcements, and in-person meetings around the country. Individuals interested in participating in the claims process may register to receive a claims package, or may obtain more information, by visiting www.farmerclaims.gov. Beginning February 25, 2011, individuals can register to receive a claims package by calling the Farmer and Rancher Call Center at 1-888-508-4429. USDA cannot provide legal advice to potential claimants. Persons seeking legal advice may contact a lawyer or other legal services provider.

Under Secretary Vilsack's leadership, USDA is addressing civil rights complaints that go back decades, and today's announcement is another major step towards achieving that goal. USDA is committed to resolving allegations of past discrimination and ushering in "a new era of civil rights" for the Department. In February 2010, the Secretary announced the Pigford II settlement with African American farmers, and in October 2010, he announced the Keepseagle settlement with Native American farmers. Meanwhile, Secretary Vilsack continues to advocate for resolution of all remaining claims of past discrimination against USDA.

Contact: Patty Dyer, NRCS District Conservationist at (740) 454-2027 or USDA Office of Communications (202) 720-4623.

<http://www.usda.gov/PSAs> [Print](#) and [WebBanner Ads.xml](#).

Meet Our (Volunteer) Summer Intern



Karissa Kae DeBolt

Karissa Kae DeBolt is the 2011 Summer Intern at Muskingum SWCD. Karissa's 400 volunteer hours will fulfill her internship credit at Zane State College where she is majoring in Parks, Recreation and Wildlife.

Karissa is a 2006 graduate of Maysville High School where she was active in girls varsity soccer, track, ski club and competed in dance at the Melissa Marie School of Dance. She was a member of the Fun Packers Llama 4H club for 9 Years and now volunteers her time with the club. She has obtained many awards in showing llamas. Her final year of 4H she won Grand Champion Performance at the Muskingum County Fair and 2007 ALSA National Youth Top 10 High Point Winner in Showmanship.

Her family and friends are very important to her, also her pets, dog Colby and favorite llama Corduroy. She enjoys fishing, showing llamas, off-roading, being outside and country music.

After graduation, Karissa plans to move and pursue a career in her field with hopes of working with wildlife. Karissa would also like to continue her education.

Free Educational Presentations (Pre-K through 12)

Nicole Hafer, Education Specialist is available for the 2011 - 2012 school year to present hands-on activities to Muskingum County classrooms and organizations free of charge. All programs meet Academic Content Standards for Science grades Pre-K through 12. Check out the Middle and High School Programs!

Our office has a variety of resources available to teachers to help supplement the curriculum. We offer a variety of publications and fact sheets as well as many great ideas for bringing nature into your classroom. Contact Nicole Hafer @ 454-2027 to schedule educational presentations.

Schedule now for the 2011-2012 School Year!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Earthworms! (Grades Pre-K-3) ● Monarch Madness (Grades 1-4) ● Reptiles and Amphibians (Grades 1-6) ● Our Ohio Mammals (Grades 2-5) ● Fall Forestry (Grades 3-5) ● Watersheds and the Water Cycle (Grades 3-6) ● Soils with Weathering and Erosion (Grades 3-6) ● Insects 101, The Basics of Bugs! (Grades 3-6) ● Enviroscope Demonstration (Grades 3-9) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Go Green with Recycling (Grades 3-12) ● Food Webs and Forest Ecology (Grades 4-6) ● Changing the Land (Grade 4-8) ● Soil Ecology (Grades 5-10) ● Forest Forensics (Grades 9-12) ● Biodiversity in Ecosystems (Grades 9-12) ● New! Geology Program (Grades 7-12) ● New! Stream Monitoring Program (Grades 7-12) |
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Muskingum River Woodland Interest Group

By: Clayton Rico, Forest Resource Specialist

Are you a woodland owner, forester or just interested in the management of our local woodlands? As a forester, I have found that one of the best ways to learn about local woodland issues is to attend meetings by our local woodland interest group. The MRWIG (Muskingum River Woodland Interest Group) is just the group that will keep you educated on these local issues.

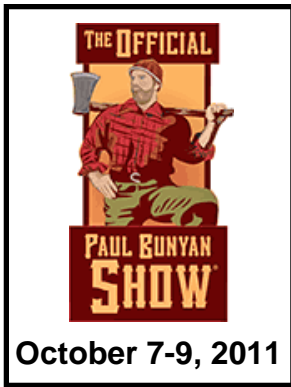
MRWIG is a group of woodland owners from central and southeastern Ohio who share the common interest of maintaining and improving their woodland holdings. Each meeting presents opportunities to become more knowledgeable about woodland management and other natural resource topics. Meeting topics feature current environmental topics that are useful for both the beginning woodland manager and seasoned professionals. I know personally as a forester I am always learning something new and interesting from attending these meetings. When informative speakers are not brought to an indoor location, the group is out in the field getting hands on experience on natural resource topics.

The group meets the second Tuesday of the month every other month beginning in January. The group does meet on weekends when more time is needed. If you are interested in joining MRWIG please fill out the attached application below.

For more information contact Dave Bonifant, president, at 740-763-4647.

Application For Membership in MRWIG

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| Name | | | |
| Address | | | |
| City | | State | |
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| Home Phone | | Cell Phone | |
| Email | | | |
| | My woodland is located in | | |
| | | | County. |
| | Send \$10.00 dues, payable to MRWIG, and mail to: | | Alex Kindler, Treasurer |
| | | | 195 Sletzer Drive |
| | | | Zanesville, OH 43701 |
| I would be interested in serving on the following committees: (Please circle all that apply) | | | |
| Annual Meeting | Membership | Newsletter | Nominating Program |



2011 Licking County Forestry Field Day
Saturday, October 15, 2011
9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ed Lewis' & Dave Bonifants'
Woodlands
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Frazeyburg, OH

RSVP: Requested
Please contact Licking SWCD
by October 12, 2011

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Muskingum SWCD Scholarship Winners

The Muskingum Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD) recently awarded college scholarships to two local youth who will be continuing their education. Applicants were required to be Muskingum County residents that would be attending an accredited two- or four-year college to study natural resources, environmental sciences, agriculture or another closely related field of study. Applicants were evaluated on academic achievement, extracurricular activities, work experiences, and their future plans and goals.

This year's winners are Dawn Fitch and Sebastian Teas. Pictured with Dawn and Sebastian is Cathie Kreager, MSWCD Board Chairperson.

Dawn Fitch is the daughter of Dennis and Teri Fitch. She graduated from Maysville High School and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. She will study environmental and animal sciences.

Sebastian Teas is a West Muskingum graduate and will attend Muskingum University where he will study geology. He is the son of David and Janet Teas.

Congratulations!



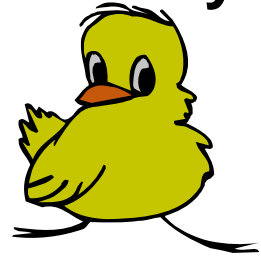
Cathie Kreager, MSWCD Supervisor and Dawn Fitch, 2011 College Scholarship Winner



Cathie Kreager, MSWCD Supervisor and Sebastian Teas, 2011 College Scholarship Winner

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- Make-it and take-it Just Ducky Tennis Ball Chick
- Master Gardeners Display
- Numerous Types of Poultry
- Ohio Cattleman's Association
- Rooster Crowing Contest
- Sample Freshly Made Scrambled Eggs
- Watch V.I.P. Egg Toss
- Zanesville Farmers Market

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Seminars: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Danny, a Zanesville resident, has been raising a small backyard flock of chickens for over five years and offers seminars on the basics of raising happy and healthy chickens. The seminars target hobby farmers and those who may be limited on space but who are interested in raising a few hens for fun, relaxation, and, yes, fresh eggs. The seminars cover everything from ordering chicks, providing safe and workable housing, feeding and watering, providing the best possible atmosphere for producing numerous and quality eggs, and the overall maintenance of happy and healthy chickens.

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Enter A Contest! Everyone Welcome!

Mark Your Calendar

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| September 13 | Board Meeting |
| September 13 | Live At Noon – Ryan Fink |
| September 17 | 2011 Farm-City Day |
| September 20-22 | 2011 Farm Science Review |
| September 27 | Live At Noon – Clayton Rico |
| September 28 | Exploring Growing Options Clinic |
| October 1 - 3 | 2010 Paul Bunyan Show |
| October 1 | Annual Celebration of Conservation |
| October 4 | Ag Breakfast |
| October 10 | Holiday – Office Closed |
| October 11 | Board Meeting |
| October 11 | Live At Noon – Jeanette Weinberg |
| October 13 | MSWCD Open House |
| October 15 | Forestry Field Day |

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| October 25 | Live At Noon – Kyleene Newman |
| October 31 | Live At Noon – Nicole Hafer |
| November 1 | Ag Breakfast |
| November 8 | Board Meeting |
| November 8 | Live At Noon – Patty Dyer |
| November 11 | Holiday – Office Closed |
| November 22 | Live At Noon – Ryan Fink |
| November 24 | Holiday – Office Closed |
| November 25 | Holiday – Office Closed |
| November 29 | Live At Noon – Patty Dyer |
| December 6 | Ag Breakfast |
| December 13 | Board Meeting |
| December 13 | Live At Noon – Clayton Rico |
| December 26 | Holiday – Office Closed |

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