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CONSERVATION MATTERS



Scioto Soil and Water Conservation District Newsletter

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Awards and Elections

The Scioto County Agriculture Dinner was held on September 11, 2018 at SOMC's Friends Center. The event was attended by more than 150 members of the community including some of the areas oldest and newest farm families. During the event Derek Gampp was awarded the prestigious Farmer of the Year award by the Portsmouth Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Gampp, a sixth generation farmer, was the third generation in his family to receive the honor. The Conservation District awarded the Cooperator of the Year award to Matthew Lewis for his commitment to Conservation programs and dedication to the land and his farm. Regina Kuhn was well deserving of the Farmwoman of the Year award presented to her at the dinner. The Mel Smith Friend of Conservation Award was given to Dr. Jon Bedick of Shawnee State University for his commitment and partnership in the CSI: Shawnee Science Camp program.

In addition to the dinner, fellowship, awards, and other business related to Scioto County Farm Bureau the Conservation District Supervisor Election was held. Bill Lewis and Jim Pertuset were able to retain their incumbent positions on the board and each will be serving the Conservation District with three year terms. The district is thankful for everyone that ran and offers a hearty congratulations to the winners.



2018 5th Grade Poster Contest

It is time for our Poster Contest! This year's theme is Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper. The district will award the top posters and our top winner proceeds to the state competition next summer. All Scioto County 5th graders are encouraged to enter.



2018 Trail Camera Photo Contest

Show us your best shots of Scioto County Wildlife in our first ever Trail Camera Contest. A \$50 grand prize awaits for the best picture!

Entry forms and details can be found on our [Website](#).

It is Milkweed Seed Pod Collection Time!!!

Collect the dry seed pods of the Common Milkweed plant and drop them off in a paper bag at our office. Through our statewide Ohio Habitat Pollinator Initiative partnerships we will use those pods to provide viable seed stock for pollinator projects. For more information see our [Website](#).



Advanced Trapper Workshop

We are pleased to announce a partnership with the Ohio State Trapper's Association, Ohio Division of Wildlife, and Ohio Division of Parks and Watercraft that will bring an amazing opportunity to the public this fall in Scioto County. Join us for October 27 & 28 for a hands on trapping experience designed to give both adult and youth learners the skills needed to become a fur trapper. This program is free to the public but **pre-registration is required!** Give us a call to reserve your spot now and be sure to check the [website](#) for more detailed information.

STAY CONNECTED

Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) to keep up with doings and events.

Also you can find some great information on our website www.sciotoswcd.org

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