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Upcoming Events

May 28th

Memorial Day
OFFICE CLOSED

June 1st & 2nd

State Envirothon

June 12th

Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 7:30 am

June 18th-23rd

Pickaway County Fair

July 4th

Fourth of July
OFFICE CLOSED

July 10th

Board of Supervisors Meeting
- 7:30 am

August 21st

Board of Supervisors Meeting-
7:30 am

SWCD HONORED

Saturday May 12th, Pickaway SWCD was honored at the Westfall FFA banquet with the Honorary Chapter Degree. The office was given this award for their help with the District Land Judging Contest this past fall, that Westfall hosted at Mt. Oval. All of the SWCD staff took part in helping organize the contest and prepare the pits for the CDE event. Along with helping with the contest, Montana McFarland, Arista Hartzler and Cheyenne Jepsen spent a week in Megan Moorman's Agronomic Systems class teaching them about surveying and helping them use problem based learning techniques to calculate how much soil would be needed to fix portions of the football field. Our office is deeply humbled by receiving this award, and we are looking forward to continuing our working relationship with the Westfall FFA Chapter.



Soil and Water Stewardship Celebration & Poster Contest



Salt Creek Intermediate Winners
L-R 2nd Place (4-6th Grade)
Angelina Wiseman
1st Place (4-6th Grade)
McKinley Perkins
Honorable Mention (4-6th Grade)
Cadence Haupt



Salt Creek Intermediate Winners
L-R Honorable Mention (4-6th)
McKenzie Hettinger
Honorable Mention (4-6th Grade)
Lynsay VanHoose
Honorable Mention (4-6th Grade)
Quincy Lowery

Pickaway SWCD wants to remind you that each of us has a responsibility to be a good steward of natural resources. The 63rd Annual Soil & Water Stewardship Week was celebrated April 29th through May 6th. This year's theme of the 2018 Soil and Water Stewardship Celebration and Poster Contest was "Watersheds- Our Water, Our Home".

Ever wonder where water goes once it hits the ground? That depends on what it lands on and where the water will shed. Join us on the journey to find out where your water sheds! Sherrill King and Melissa Diehl of FSA, Lindsey Shaffer of NRCS and Joy Sharp of OSU Extension, judged the entries from 110 Pickaway County students. They chose first, second, and honorable mention posters. First place in the 4th - 6th grade category went to McKinley Perkins of Salt Creek Intermediate, the second place award was given to Angelina Wiseman from Salt Creek Intermediate. Honorable Mentions were awarded to four Salt Creek Intermediate students, Cadence Haupt, McKenzie Hettinger, Quincy Lowery and Lynsay VanHoose.

Haylea Knisley of McDowell Exchange received first place in the 7th- 9th grade category. Second place went to Sophie Stonerock who also attends McDowell. Three other students from McDowell received Honorable Mentions: Olivia Adams, Alicen Davis and Keller Clouse. Ainsleigh Greer from Teays Valley West Middle School also received an Honorable Mention.

All winning posters were displayed at the Pickaway County Library and copied into a placemat distributed at Captain D's and Bob Evans during Soil & Water Stewardship Week. The first place posters advance to the State Contest with a chance to advance to the National Contest.



McDowell Middle School Winners
L-R 1st Place (7-9th Grade)
Haylea Knisley
2nd Place (7-9th Grade)
Sophie Stonerock
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Keller Clouse
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Alicen Davis
Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Olivia Adams
(not pictured)



McDowell Middle School Winners
L-R Honorable Mention (7-9th Grade)
Ainsleigh Greer

Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship

L-R Kiersten Wright, Montana McFarland and Gunner Hall at the Westfall Scholarship Night



Ross Black

The Donald E. Minor Scholarship was created by the Pickaway SWCD Board of Supervisors in memory of Donald E. Minor, Sr. Mr. Minor began as a supervisor in 1985 until he passed in October 2010. In his memory for 25 years of service to the board and community the scholarship was created. Funds from the scholarship are currently accumulated from Affiliate Memberships and Pumpkin Show parking lot fees. The award is available to any Pickaway County High or Home School Senior who will be majoring in Agriculture or Natural Resources. The scholarships are for the purpose of continuing higher education at a two or four year college or university.

Our third annual Donald E. Minor Memorial Scholarship was presented to three deserving students here in Pickaway County. Our office awarded both Kiersten Wright and Gunner Hall of Westfall High School and Ross Black of Teays Valley High School a \$500 scholarship.

Kiersten plans on attending The Ohio State University to study Agricultural Communications and French. In her years at Westfall she has been an active member and leader of the Westfall FFA chapter, French Club, National Honor Society, Student Government and Book Club.

Gunner Hall is our second recipient, and he is planning on attending Columbus State Community College to study business, with the goal of transferring to The Ohio State University and pursuing a degree in Agricultural Business. Gunner has been an active member of the Westfall FFA Chapter, National Honor Society, Student Council, FFA and Deer Creek Chapter of Pheasants Forever. Gunner was able to show his dedication to conservation efforts during his job shadowing of Will Newman the Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist for Pheasants Forever here in Pickaway.

Our third recipient is Ross Black, who is planning on attending The Ohio State University ATI campus in Wooster where he plans to study Crop Management and Soil Conservation. As a student at Teays Valley, Ross served as an active member and leader of the FFA Chapter, National Honor Society, Walnut Creek Barn Busters 4-H Club, and the Pickaway County Jr. Fair Board.

We wish all three of these scholarship recipients the best of luck on furthering their educations and becoming an even larger supporters of conservation practices.

Any upcoming 2019 Pickaway County High or Home School Senior should check with school counselors and our web site in the Spring of 2019 for an application.

Affiliate Annual Membership

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Future Conservationist (Student) \$10.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Steward of the Land \$100.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soil & Water Protector \$ 30.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Member \$250.00 |

How do you want your membership listed?

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ *Your contribution is tax deductible. Thank You!*

Technical Corner

On February 20th, Pickaway SWCD welcomed Cheyenne Jepsen to our staff as a District Technician. Cheyenne is a life long resident of Amanda, Ohio, where she is closely involved with her family farm, raising row crops and beef cattle in Fairfield County.

She is a graduate of The Ohio State University ATI, where she studied Livestock Production, and specialized in Beef Production and Management. Cheyenne is excited to be working with Pickaway County's farming community, and hopes to make an impact on the environment through conservation practices.



Other Agency Briefs

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Pickaway SWCD is looking to hire a Full-Time Education/ Outreach Coordinator.

Please visit our website

www.pickawayswcd.org for application details and a job description.

Deadline to apply is **June 1st, 2018.**



Our Annual Tree Seedling Sale and Fish Fingerling Sale both went off without a hitch! We sold 3,666 seedlings to 76 customers, and 18,846 fingerlings to 37 customers. Pickaway SWCD wants to thank everyone who purchased from our office and we are looking forward to next year, please watch for our January 2019 newsletter for details.

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Pickaway County Commissioners	740-474-6093	Pickaway County Engineer	740-474-3360
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