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Dedicated To The Wise Use Of Vinton County's Natural Resources

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Vinton Soil & Water Conservation District News & Notes

Winter 2021 Edition

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All District programs and services are offered on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap

2021 Tree Sale

The Vinton SWCD's Annual Tree Sale has officially begun. We are continuing to offer bare root hardwood and conifer seedlings, fruit trees, ground cover, wildlife food plot seed, bluebird boxes and bat boxes. Orders must be received before Friday February 12th. See the enclosed brochure for additional information.

Become an Affiliate Member

The Vinton SWCD Board of Supervisors are inviting you to become an Affiliate Member in 2021. Your membership contributions will help promote soil and water conservation programs throughout Vinton County. The membership levels for becoming an Affiliate Member are: Copper- \$25, Bronze- \$50, Silver- \$100, Gold- \$250, Platinum- \$500, and Diamond- \$1,000. Contributing members will be recognized at the District's Annual Meeting, in the District office, on District newsletters, and on our website. If you are interested in becoming an affiliate member please contact the Vinton SWCD office, or visit our website www.vintonswcd.com.

Don't guess, Soil Test!

Are your fields not yielding what they have in past? Is your lawn or garden not growing the way it should? If not, you may want to soil test. Soil testing shows what nutrients are lacking in the soil, which takes the guess work out fertilization. Soil samples can be taken in the spring or fall for established sites and only need to be taken every few years. The best way to obtain a soil sample is with a soil probe or auger, however a spade, knife or trowel will also work. It is important when sampling soils to get a random sample of the area you are sampling. So sample in a zigzag pattern over the area and mix the samples together in a clean plastic bucket. Once the soil is mixed together remove enough soil to fill a quart sized bag to send for testing. Soil samples can be brought to the Vinton SWCD office and for a fee of \$15.00 be sent away for testing.

Vinton SWCD offers a service to landowners for soil sampling. For a fee, a Technician will come out to the property and perform soil samples. The cost is \$50 per visit which includes one sample(10 acres or less) and test results. Additional samples(10 acres or less) are \$20 each, which includes the sample and test results. More information can be found on our website or by calling the office.

Election Results

Congratulations Bill DePue and Terri Snider on being re-elected for another 3 year term! Their knowledge, experience, and genuine care for our natural resources is invaluable to the district. I can say from personal experience that it has been a pleasure to work for both of them and I look forward to working with them for at least another 3 years.

2020— A year in review

As I'm sure you are all well aware, 2020 was quite the year to say the least. I will only highlight the positive notes from 2020 in this brief recap:

For Arbor Day, Vinton SWCD was again able to partner with TransCanada to distribute seedlings to the students of Vinton County. This year, due to Covid, we were only able to drop them off at the lunch pick up sites instead of giving the students our traditional speech on the importance of trees. Covid did however allow us to distribute an additional 8,000 seedlings throughout our county free of charge as they were already purchased but our other partners were unable to distribute their shares.

Unfortunately we had to close our doors for a little bit this spring, but we made it a point to remain available to landowners in this great county. While we may not be able to host workshops and banquets, we have been fortunate to be able to remain available to landowners and residents by way of phone, email, site visits, and by appointment in the office.

We have had some staff changeover as well. Shari Bobb has left the district and moved south to avoid our winters and spend time with her family. While we are very sad to see Shari leave the district, we wish her well in all of her endeavors. To replace Shari, the district has hired Cheri Porter. Yes that's right, same first name just spelled different. If you've never met Cheri before, feel free to call the office to introduce yourself.

We were able to host 2 successful fish sales this year. One in the spring and one in the fall. Thank you Fenders Fish Hatchery and all the local folks who made them a reality! Lets hope those fish grow in 2021! We will be having 2 more fish sales in 2021.

Lastly, as I'm sure you are aware, we had to cancel our annual banquet this year due to Covid concerns. We are diligently working to make sure that is NOT the case for 2021. We will find a way to make our banquet a reality in 2021, as it is our 75th annual banquet!

We now carry "I support Vinton SWCD" t shirts and the "Weed Wand Magic" for sale in the office. You can also use our website to make purchases, pay for products, and some of them we can even ship to your doorstep without you ever having to leave home.

Vinton SWCD Board Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. at the Vinton SWCD office. Meetings are open to the public. Please contact the office to confirm date and time of the meeting.

2020 AFFILIATE MEMBERS

Benedict, Inc.	Corbett R. Caudill Chipping, Inc.	Diamond Stone Company #39	Superior Hardwoods of Ohio, Inc.	David and Barbara Boothe
Rolling Hills Generating	Davis Veterinary Services LLC	Walter and Sharmon Rudin	Timber Ridge Forest Products	Richard & Suzanne Rozzo
Remy's Mobile Homes Inc.	Vinton County National Bank	Dan Madigan	Gas-N-Stuff	McArthur Lumber & Post, LLC.
Mike & Becky Hoy	Mason's Auto Body	Buckeye Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Cross and Sons Farm Equipment	James Woltz Excavating & Septic, LLC.
Mark and Carol Buccilla	Linda Hopkins	McArthur Tire	Martin Timber Farm	Louis Troll
Crownover Lumber Co.	Montgomery Trailer Sales	A2Z Sanitation LLC	Norman and Shirley Redd	Philip Kubler
Wapiti Ridge Tree Farm	Ron & Steve Evans Farms LLC	Jackson-Vinton Farm Bureau	Jerry's Do It Center	Oakview Tree Farm
Nimco Companies, LLC	Joe Russ Farm Equipment	Mark Porter Auto Group	Cotner, Cooley & Clark, LLC	Bob Davis, Country Pleasures, LLC
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VINTON SWCD MISSION: To promote wise land-use management through technical and educational services in order to help people conserve and enhance the Natural Resources of Vinton County.