

# Eye On Conservation

## Wood Soil & Water Conservation District



## Spring is in the Air



The sun is shining and shining longer in the day. The trees are budding and the grass is growing. Allergy symptoms are back.



The annual tree seedling sale is here and gone. The Wood County 4th graders received their seedlings. Conservation program participants are planting wildlife shrubs. Pond filter replacement element sales increased. The deadline for the fingerling fish sale is May 5. The Bowling Green Montessori students participated in the water cycle. The NACD county poster contest, "Home is Where the Habitat is," deadline is May 2. Nearly 100 planters were decorated and potted during the 4-H Hands to Larger Service Day. Fall ditch cleaning projects are finishing up. New ditch projects are starting. H2Ohio program participants are stopping in to certify 2024 best management practices. Farmers are ready to plant soybeans.



Looking ahead, the district is talking about "Soil your Undies" with the Wood County Master Gardeners, preparing for the Bowling Green 4th Grade Farm Fest, speaking at the Northwood Community Center luncheon, planning for the Wood County Fair, and accepting nominations for the Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors Election.

Thank you to Wood County Commissioners Dr. Ted Bowlus, Craig LaHote, and Doris I. Herringshaw for the continued support and concern of your local natural resources.

Get yourself ready for spring by visiting the district office to purchase a soil test for your garden and yard and marking flags and cone protectors for new plants and seedlings. Free Common Milkweed seeds and pollinator information is available. The supervisors and staff are here to answer questions and get you ready for spring.

**OFFICE HOURS**  
7:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
MONDAY - FRIDAY

The Wood SWCD Board of Supervisors holds regular monthly meetings the third Friday of each month at 8:00 AM at the district office.

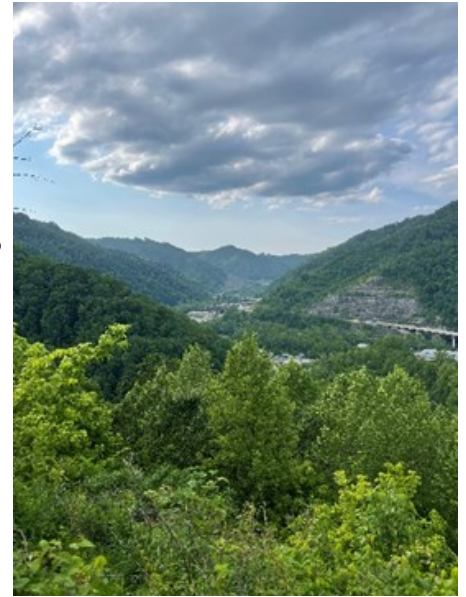
**2025 Board of Supervisors**  
Front L to R: Matt Davis and Dylan Baer  
Back L to R: Kris Swartz,  
Logan Riker-Chamberlain, and Marc Schaller



## “Boots on the Ground” by Jaylie Rollheiser



Finding creative ways to enjoy the outdoors was something that started for me a few years ago and helped me find my interest and hobbies. This list includes things like riding Side by sides. We started on four wheelers locally and in Michigan, but as our interest peaked, we upgraded to a two-seater machine and we have expanded our riding destinations.



We often find ourselves in West Virginia riding the Hatfield and McCoy trails, which have a long conflict history dating back to 1863. The trails have many historical sights such as the original cemetery where the namesakes are buried! These trails offer other “attractions” as they are in an actively mined area of WV and is apart of the National Coal Heritage Area.

In March, we were able to take a trip to Knoxville TN, and ride the Royal Blue Trails.



These trails were through the Cumberland Mountains and are a Wildlife Management Area. The TWRA has many scenic views and lookout areas for wildlife as this is where the Elk population was reintroduced into Tennessee.

Getting to spend hours riding as many miles as we can through the Appalachian Mountains is my favorite way to get outside.



*“Boots on the Ground” highlights experiences, quotes, quips, and commentary offered by the supervisors and staff of the district.*

## Welcome, Jaylie

The Wood SWCD supervisors and staff are happy to welcome Jaylie Rollheiser as the new Nutrient Management H2Ohio Technician.

Jaylie comes to the district from Redline Equipment in Portage as the Operation Support Specialist. She resides in Oak Harbor and earned her Soil Conservation degree from The Ohio State University. Outside of work, Jaylie enjoys spending time on the water, riding side-by-sides, and being with friends and family. Jaylie is excited to serve Wood County and its producers.



## Stick a Fork in my career, I'm done!



Take a walk with me down memory lane... It was the summer of 1985 or 86, if I remember correctly. I was a 4-H'er for much of my youth and through my 4-H projects, I got to know the staff at Defiance SWCD. Things progressed and I volunteered with the SWCD and helped plant windbreaks with Mike Buff and the crew as well as learned about conservation and some agency called the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

One thing led to another and the local DC, Gary Overmier, suggested that I apply for a job with SCS. Next thing I knew, I was a WAE, While Actually Employed, part time employee, something like GS- 0 Step 0. I worked for a summer in the Defiance SCS office doing data entry for the new thing called Food Security Act and the Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation determinations. Yes, I go all the way back to the 1985 Food Security Act. And yes, I feel old.

My conservation career started as a Junior in High School. A career that, little did I know, would take me from "office kid" to "office mom" over a period extending more than 37 years and at least 14 different counties across 2 areas of Ohio. From WAE to District/Resource Conservationist, my career has been varied.

I spent summers in Fulton, Williams, Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert, and Delaware counties. I then spent 5 great years in Preble, 6 years in Hancock, and 23 years in Wood County. Along the way I helped out in at least 10 other counties assisting with program workload as well as statewide projects.

Over the years, I have worked construction inspection on PL 566 projects, conservation planner, wetland team member, survey team member, Toolkit instructor and support, District Conservationist, and much more. From high school to retirement, conservation has been my work life.

The last 2 years have been the best, a culmination of a 37+ year career from volunteer to fulltime employee, across a gamut of duties and locations. The Wood County Team has built a strong partnership, FSA-NRCS-SWCD, that has created a seamless one-stop service for our customers. I want to thank all the various agency staff and board as well as the many producers for making my career exciting, fulfilling, a well worth endeavor.

As I move to the exciting phase, the "best" of my life, I am taking the Fork in the Road and retiring in September. I'll looking forward to years of travel, car tours, and hanging out with friends. Thank you to all who have had a hand in my work life and beyond. I will miss the job but more so, miss the people that I have met along the way.



Stick a Fork in it, my career is done. Best wishes everyone, *Kelly Copeland*

**Kelly & Dave Copeland with their  
1942 Diamond T Truck  
Model 306**

## H2Ohio Spring Update



Wood County farmers who have enrolled in H2Ohio have completed two-year nutrient management plans on 92,383 acres, which is about 37% of farmland in the county. These plans ensure that fertilizer and manure applications are based on recent soil tests, and that recommendations do not exceed the crop needs of the next two years.



About 60% of producers have reported their 2024 conservation practices. They have received cost share on almost 28,000 acres of cover crop or overwintering crops, and proved that they followed their nutrient plans on almost 58,000 acres. If you are an H2Ohio participant with a signed P2 contract and haven't received 2024 cost share, please gather up your records and give Beth or Jaylie a call. We would like to get through Crop Year 2024 certifications by the end of May.

## A New Face to Wood County NRCS



My name is Andrea Morehouse and I am the District Conservationist in Wood County. I am taking the place of Kelly Copeland, who has recently retired. I am also the District Conservationist for Sandusky County and will split my time between the Bowling Green and Fremont Offices. Due to my mobility, the best way to reach me is my mobile phone at 567-366-0176 and via email at [Andrea.Morehouse@usda.gov](mailto:Andrea.Morehouse@usda.gov).



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Agriculture**

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

I grew up in Clark County, Ohio and completed my undergraduate degree in Environmental Science with a focus in Agriculture at the University of Vermont in 2013. I then worked as a field technician for public and private conservation organizations until I was hired as a Soil Conservationist with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Ottawa County, Ohio in 2015. In 2023, I became the District Conservationist for Sandusky and Wood Counties. The best part of my job is getting to know the farmers and private landowners and learning new things about conservation and agriculture as I provide conservation assistance and administer Farm Bill Programs like EQIP, CSP, and CRP.

When I'm not working, I'm playing with my twin boys outside and visiting with friends and family. I look forward to serving Wood County's residents and working closely with our partners in conservation!

# Wood Soil & Water Conservation District

Chartered in 1949 as a subdivision of the State of Ohio, the Wood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) continues the mission of *care of the environment through responsible land and water policies, conservation practices, development, oversight and environmental education.*



## Board of Supervisors

The Wood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) Board of Supervisors is comprised of five members each serving a three-year term. Serving on the Board of Supervisors is a voluntary position; elected by county landowners and residents. A special election is called each year by the Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Nominees and/or petitioned candidates must be at least 18 years of age and be a legal resident of Wood County.

Board members share a genuine concern for the protection and conservation of our local soil and water resources. Board members consider this position an opportunity to share ideas, provide solutions, implement projects, and educate the community to benefit not only the county residents, but the entire region.

A few of the primary duties and responsibilities, in cooperation with the District Administrator, include:

- attendance at monthly district meetings,
- provide district financial guidance and budgetary approval,
- participate in district policy development,
- personnel management,
- and willingness to participate in meetings, workshops, and activities on conservation related issues.

The district supervisors and staff work locally and think regionally. Western Lake Erie Basin does not stop at the water's edge. The Wood SWCD partners with other districts, local farmers, county residents, other agencies, and local private entities to promote conservation practices from ag to urban communities. Look for educational activities, workshops, field days, and cost share programs of interest to you. Take an active part in conservation right where you live.

Visit [www.woodswcd.com](http://www.woodswcd.com) for an overview of district information. Contact the district office or talk with a member of the Board of Supervisors with your interest in being nominated.

### 2025 Board of Supervisors

Kris Swartz, Chair

Marc Schaller, Vice-Chair

Matt Davis, Secretary

Dylan Baer, Fiscal Agent

Logan Riker-Chamberlain, Member

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## Items for Sale

Floating Pond Filter	\$170.00
Pond Filter Float	\$105.00
Replacement Filter	\$ 45.00
Deep Water Sign	\$ 14.00
Rope (per foot)	\$ 0.25
Tile Probes	\$ 40-50
Soil Test Kit	\$ 10.00
Soil Test Probe	\$ 63.00
Flags	\$ 0.15 ea
100 5x 8	\$ 15.00
6' field flag	\$ 10.00
Tree Protectors	\$ 3.50
Nut Wizards®	\$ 40-50
Compost Bin	\$ 65.00
Rat Guards	
4" stainless steel	\$ 8.00
6" stainless steel	\$ 10.00
8" stainless steel	\$ 12.00
10" stainless steel	\$ 18.00
12" stainless steel	\$ 28.00
15" mild steel	\$ 25.00

Cash or Check payable upon receipt.  
Sales tax of 6.75% will be applied at purchase.  
A completed tax exempt certificate is  
needed for tax exempt purchases.

## Equipment for Rent

### Great Plains Drill

(for CRP Practices only)

- 10' working width
- 7 1/2" row spacing
- Minimum 65 hp with live hydraulics

Rental Rate is \$10.00/acre  
(\$50 minimum)

Delivery Charge \$20.00

Cleanout Charge \$25.00  
(if applicable)

### Tree Planter

(for large planting projects)

\$25.00 First Day

\$45.00 Each Additional Day

*For Use by Wood County  
Residents and Landowners*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FISH SALE DEADLINE

MONDAY, MAY 5

### FISH ORDER PICK-UP

TUESDAY, MAY 13

9:30 AM

WOOD COUNTY  
FAIRGROUNDS

### OFFICE CLOSED

MAY 26

JUNE 19

JULY 4

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOMINATIONS

DEADLINE JUNE 12

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ELECTION

AUGUST 12—SEPTEMBER 10

## District Staff

Jim Carter, District Administrator/Drainage & Engineering Coordinator

Jeremy Gerwin, Lead Technician

Beth Landers, Resource Technician

Julie Lause, Administrative & Outreach Manager

Jaylie Rollheiser, District Technician

## NRCS Staff

Andrea Morehouse, District Conservationist

Joe Rumschlag, Civil Engineering Technician

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**Please contact the district office to update contact information or to be added to the email contact list. The majority of correspondence from the Wood SWCD is through email and social media.**

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