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2016 Miami SWCD Annual Tree Seedling Sale!

Order your 1-3 year old bare-root trees using the enclosed order form before March 18th and come April 12th and 13th, stop by the Conservation Education Area at the Miami County Fairgrounds to pick them up. We've got 31 different species to choose from, including 2 ground covers and 5 perennials!


Tell your friends! For more order forms, stop by 1330 N. County Road 25A Troy or go online to www.miamiswcd.org. Call 335-7645 with any questions!





Upcoming Events

JAN 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office closed
JAN 4-MAR 18	Order Your Trees/Scholarship Application Window
JAN 8	Friday Night Movies at the Hayner Center - 7:30PM 937/339-0457 www.TroyHayner.org
JAN 12	Miami SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting - 8AM District Office Public Welcome
JAN 15-MAR 1	LAEPP Application Window
JAN 15	Sounds of the Hammered Dulcimer w/ Mark Wade @ the Hayner Center 7:30PM-9PM 937-339-0457 www.TroyHayner.org
JAN 18	Martin Luther King, Jr Day Office Closed
JAN 22	Don't Stop Believin' Charity Concert benefiting Pink Ribbon Girls - 6:30PM Hobart Arena, 255 Adams St, Troy OH 45373 937/339-2911 www.HobartArena.com





Larry Studebaker Memorial/Miami SWCD Scholarship

The Miami Soil and Water Conservation District is offering two \$750 scholarship awards for the purpose of continuing higher education at a two or four year college or university.

QUALIFICATIONS – Applying students:

- Must be a Miami County, Ohio resident.
- Must be an Agriculture or Natural Resources major.
- Must be enrolled for Fall Quarter/Semester of 2016.
- MAY be a prior Miami SWCD scholarship recipient.

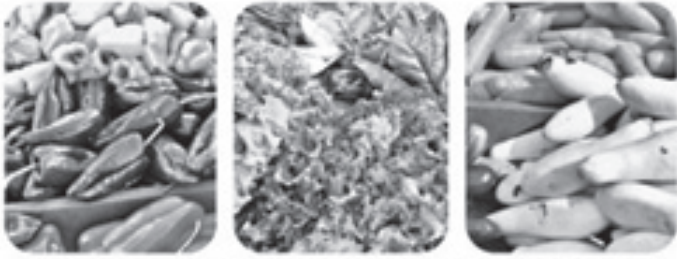
CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP – The award will be used towards the student's tuition and fees and will be processed through the scholarship office of the chosen school.

WHERE AND HOW TO APPLY – Send completed applications, along with high school or college transcripts and three (3) letters of recommendations from three (3) references listed on the application form to: Miami SWCD Scholarship Committee, 1330 North County Road 25A; Suite C, Troy, Ohio 45373.

Deadline for applications and recommendations is Friday, March 18, 2016. (Postmarked)

For applications, go online to www.miamiswcd.org or contact Kristin Lewber at KLewber@miamiswcd.org. Call 335-7645 for more information.

Application & information received becomes the property of Miami Soil and Water Conservation District and will be held in strict confidence.



Troy Night Market

If you haven't been to the Troy Night Market yet, make it a new year resolution to attend this indoor Farmers Market open to the public the 1st and 3rd Tuesday from 4-7p.m. Located at the Troy REC, 11 North Market in Downtown Troy, until May, you can come meet local vendors who produce locally grown, homemade cottage foods, local non-cottage foods and some artisan kitchen/household items.

Shop for fruits and vegetables in season, meats such as beef, pork, chicken and turkey, cheese, homemade jams, jellies, fruit butters, baked goods to include gluten free, gourmet roasted coffee, herbal seasonings, mixes, teas, candy, honey, maple syrup, sorghum, noodles, juices, popcorn, granola and sauerkraut.

Market vendors will also offer the following kitchen / household items: artisan soaps, lotions, handmade aprons, hand carved wooden spoons and cutting boards, ceramics, crocheted kitchen items and potted plants.

For more information about the TROY Night Market, contact Market Manager, Karen Purke at karenpurke@gmail.com or visit their Facebook page at Troy Night Market!



Erika Kemper, District Conservationist, would like to mention that a FY16 CSP and EQIP application period is being discussed and to contact your local NRCS office at 937/335-1918. There are no official dates yet, but it never hurts to start discussing these things early!



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From our friends at OSU-Extension, Miami County:

BECOME A MASTER GARDENER!

OPEN ENROLLMENT: NOW-JANUARY 15th (Cost: \$175)

Master Gardener classes will run Thursdays February 4th – March 31st from 8:30AM to 4:00PM at the Miami County Extension office.

This popular program provides volunteers with intensive training in horticulture who then volunteer their time assisting with educational programs and activities for Ohio residents through the OSU-Extension County Office.

COFFEE WITH THE MASTER GARDENERS VOLUNTEERS

FEBRUARY 5th, 10AM, Ext. Meeting Room-\$5 (Pre-registration required)

TOPIC: Raised Bed Gardening. Take advantage of this great opportunity to get your questions answered regarding all things having to do with raised bed gardening. While you're at it, ask about the program itself. Maybe it's just what you've been looking for! **Deadline to register 1/29/16**

NEW & SMALL FARM COLLEGE

JANUARY 25-MARCH 14. This program is limited to the first 40 registrations. Individual cost is \$150 with each additional family member \$100. **Deadline to register: 1/15/16**

This 8 session course will fill you in on a variety of topics ranging from getting started to financial, marketing and legal assistance.

To register or for more information on any or all these opportunities, please contact Amanda Bennett at OSU-Extension Miami County at 440-3945 or bennett.709@osu.edu.

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Hunters Encouraged to Attend Ohio's Deer Hunting Summits

Ohio hunters and others interested in the state's white-tailed deer management programs have the opportunity to provide feedback about hunting regulations and season structures in central Ohio on Saturday, Jan. 23, and in northeast Ohio on Saturday, Jan. 30, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

After input from last year's deer summits and considering participation from across the state, the ODNR Division of Wildlife has decided to host a centrally located summit in Columbus and another summit in northeast Ohio. Each date will offer the option of a morning and afternoon session. Space at each session is limited, and hunters must register to attend. Spaces will be filled on a first-come basis so individuals are encouraged to register early.

Hunters who wish to attend the summit should pre-register by Friday, Jan. 22. Summits will be held at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on both days at the following locations:

- Jan. 23: Wildlife District One Headquarters, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus, 43215. Call 614-644-3925 and select option 4 to pre-register.

- Jan. 30: Wildlife District Three Headquarters, 912 Portage Lakes Drive, Akron, 44319. Call 330-644-2293 to pre-register.

The ODNR Division of Wildlife remains committed to properly managing Ohio's deer populations through a combination of regulatory and programmatic changes. The goal of Ohio's Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists. More information about managing deer in Ohio, including the publication, *Quality vs. Quantity, A Closer Look at Deer Herd Condition Trends in Ohio*, is available at wildohio.gov.

ODNR ensures a balance between wise use and protection of our natural resources for the benefit of all. Visit the ODNR website at ohiodnr.gov.

For more information, contact John Windau, ODNR Div. of Wildlife 614/265-6325 or Matt Eiselstein, ODNR Office of Communications 614/265-6860.

2016 Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP) Miami SWCD Application Window: January 15th-March 1st

Miami Soil and Water Conservation District is among the organizations that have received funding through the Ohio Department of Agriculture to help preserve farmland across the state. These organizations have received allocations from the Clean Ohio Fund to select, close and monitor easements under the Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program (LAEPP). The program allows landowners to voluntarily sell easements on their farms to the state of Ohio.

The easement requires the:

- Farm remain permanently in agriculture production
- Farm must be 40 acres or more
- Owners are actively engaged in farming
- Participation in the Current Agricultural Use Valuation program
- Owners demonstrate good stewardship of the land
- Owners have the support of their local government
- Farm DOES NOT lay directly in the path of development
- Landowners may use the proceeds of the easement in any way they wish, but most reinvest it in their farm operations

From **January 15th through March 1st, 2016**, the Miami SWCD will accept applications from Miami County landowners interested in selling an agricultural easement on their farms. If you think you'd like to pursue this opportunity, please contact Kreig Smail or Linda Raterman at Miami SWCD at 335-7645 or visit our offices at 1330 N. County Rd 25A, Troy.

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