

**DARKE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

February 5, 2021

WTGR Community Ties

Main Topics (3):

Douglas Steinbrunner Memorial Scholarship Available – deadline to apply April 23rd

- Board of Supervisors offering a \$1,000 scholarship to graduating seniors attending an Ohio college or University majoring in Ag or natural resources
- On December 4, 2020, we lost a staple in the Soil & Water office. Doug passed away unexpectedly. We have decided to name our annual scholarship in his memory. He valued education and deeply cared about his work. Felt it was fitting after he gave this county 30+ years of service.
- Must be Darke Co resident
- At least a 2.5 gpa
- Attend Ohio school in fall of 2021
- Items needed: 2 letters of recommendation, academic transcript, personal essay about why you are choosing the field of study

Annual Tree Seedling Sale – orders and payment due by March 19th

- Offering a number of new (and some we brought back to the sale) varieties this year: Pin Oak, Paper Birch, Bald Cypress, Persimmon, Chokeberry and Black Elderberry.
- Special new item this year: Seedless Concord Grape (sold individually)
- All orders over \$75 will receive a 5 gal bucket courtesy of Lowes

Soil & Water Stewardship Poster Contest – entries due by March 26th

- Bringing back the poster contest, its been over 20 years since our last contest
- Theme is healthy forests = healthy communities
- Two grade level categories: 5&6, 7&8
- Cash prizes to winners: \$30, \$20, \$10
- 1st place winners will advance to the state with a chance at the national competition!

Quick Mention Items (2):

Spring Fish Sale – orders & payment due by May 14th order forms available soon!

Conservation Day Camp – seeking volunteers!

- Camp registration will open later in March, flyer coming home with your 1st through 4th grader about camp registration
- Seeking volunteers for Camp Counselors and Lesson Leaders
 - o Educators, High School Students, College Students needed
- If you are interested in helping with our lessons for archery, birds, crafts, ecosystems, fishing, forestry, insects/pollinators, survival skills/using a compass we could use your help
- June 9 & 10 from 9am to 3pm