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CONSERVATION DAYS NOVEMBER 2022

The Wayne County Soil and Water Conservation District, WUR Solid Waste Management District, and Richmond Sanitary District would like to thank all the sponsors, providers, volunteers, presenters, and staff that put time and effort into the 25th Annual Wayne County Conservation Days for local third and fourth grade students and their teachers. After two years of presenting virtual, we were happy to be back in-person again!

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VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF:

Penny Ausmus, Raquel Baker, Kellie Barker, Mat Berger, Terry Bertsch, Nancy Best, Jason Blue, Brian & Linda Brookbank, Sheryl Brown, Dave Burgess, Jan Burk, Lisa Burkhart, Mary Anne Butters, JB Cain, Jennifer Campbell, Ellie Coffman, Lauren Cowen, Bella Day, Brandon Ertel, Mary Ferris, Steve Grossman, Teri Grossman, Bob Hansen, Beth Harrick, Stephen Hayes Jr., Pat Heiny, Mary Heyob, Duane Hieger, Valerie Huffman, Kathy Keller,

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Kathy & Scott McCarty, Wanda McConaha, Dana Mollenkopf, Bonnie Monaghan, Alex Nocton, Ed Pollock, Justin Rayborn, Larkin Ressler, Nicole Rowe, Gary Saunders, Gloria Seal, Garret Schuler, Judy Soper, Max Smith, Dean Snapp, Brad Terhaar, Billie Tracy, Ginny Turner, Michelle Walther, Mary Ann & Don Weaver, Lisa Wessler, Emily Wickett, Cathy Williams, David Williamson, and Liz Yetter. Thank you to Wayne County Sheriff Deputies Brad Dwenger and Ryan Riggs for being present at Conservation Days, to the staff at the USDA Service Center for covering our phones while we were out of the office for this event, and to all those at Subway working early both mornings to make fresh sandwiches and cookies for the students and those in attendance at Conservation Days.

Hagerstown FFA members: Hayden Arnold, Collin Beaty, Audry Bell, Dawson Bell, Leyton Berger, Lowell Berger, Carter Craig, Kori Craig, Zach Golliher, Mia Hilbert, Ruthie Hilbert, Will King, Brookley Miller, Delaney Olinger, Maggie Retherford, Avery Schmitz, Grant Shaffer, McKenzie Shook, Brooke Stuart, Evan Thornburg, Caden Wampler, and advisor Christy Herr. Northeastern Wayne FFA members: Jesse Buckler, Grant Craft, Wyatt Craft, Ava Coddington, Nolan Drake, Chaia Gardner, Emma Gentry, Rylee Gentry, Isaac Gray, Canyon Johnting, Amelia Price, Corbin Retz, Zane Schneider Garen Sharp, Cayden Sterling, Austin Toshlog, Ayden Williams, Cody Wright, Zach Wright, and advisors Allison McCumons and Jadelyn Neagle. Western Wayne members: Lili Griffey, Charlotte Holcomb, Ashby Jones, Elliot Jones, Braydon Munchel, Abby Myers, Jacob Myers, Jack Patton, Paige Robinson, Leo Russell, Grace Sherwood, Karly Smith, Evan Stuckey, Jackson Todish, Jeran Troutwine, Oliver Webb, and advisors Alaina Kessler and Kaitlyn Lacey.

PRESENTERS:

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4-H – Debbie Cates, Alicia Criswell, Ava Coddington, Amelia Price; BEEF - Paula Richardson, Raquel Baker, Jaron Baker; BEES – Jerry & Kathy Toschlog; COMBINE - Brad Bihl; DAIRY – Trisha Thomas, Cody Wright, Zach Wright, Kevin Cool; DOGS - the Whitewater Valley Dog Training Club - Rick Dalessandro, Susy Hasecoaster, Jim Hasecoaster, John Herig, Jim Kates, Randy & Pam Kirk, Donna Kitchel, Kim Phillips; ELECTRICAL SAFETY – Whitewater Valley REMC Linemen Ryan Chappell, Robert Waelty; FORESTRY – IN DNR District Forester, Jayson Waterman; INSECTS – Hayes Arboretum, Jenilee Braun, Naturalist; Cope Environmental Center, Emily Wickett ; PORK - Teresa Drake, Cathy Becker; POULTRY – Bradley Wood; RECYCLING – Cope Environmental Center – Karee Buffin, Justin Rayborn; VETERINARY MEDICINE – Dr. Julie Davis, Dr. Camela Schmitz; WATERSHED - Shannon Hayes (Earlham College), Tara Wesseler-Henry (ISDA), Allison Steele (Richmond Ivy Tech), Gerald South (Richmond Sanitary District) Elijah Welch (Richmond Sanitary District), Clayton McKee (Indiana American Water); and WILDLIFE Birds of Prey – Shawn Conner, Naturalist (Hueston Woods State Park).

If I have forgotten to mention any organization or individual, please know that your help with this event was greatly appreciated and we could not have attempted this without you! Thanks to everyone that helped with this wonderful educational event for our local students to learn about natural resources, agriculture, safety, and so much more!

Sincerely,

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