

CONSERVATION DAYS NOVEMBER 2024

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PRESENTERS:

4-H – Debbie Cates & Kendell Wolfe; BEEF - Paula Richardson, Raquel Baker, Leyton Berger-FFA; BEES – Jerry & Kathy Toschlog; COMBINE - Brad Bihl, Braydon Munchel-FFA, Zane Schneider-FFA; DAIRY – Mark & Sharon Thomas, Cody & Zach Wright-FFA; DOGS - the Whitewater Valley Dog Training Club - Rick Dalessandro, Susy Hasecoater, John Herig, Jim Kates, Michelle Malott, Diana Pappin, Debbie Pennington, Carol Sims, and Mike Stephens. ELECTRICAL SAFETY – Whitewater Valley REMC Linemen Ryan Chappell, Noah Williams, and Abe Lorekamp; FORESTRY – IN DNR District Forester Jayson Waterman & Jeremy Proeschel, Program Manager Cope Environmental Center; INSECTS – Hayes Arboretum, Jenilee Braun, Naturalist; Cope Environmental Center; PORK – Teresa Drake, Cathy Becker; POULTRY – Bradley Wood; RECYCLING – Centerville HS Green Club, Penny Ausmus Club

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Sponsor, Ashton Brandt, Elaine Ferrell, Serenity Hunt, and Ava Spears Club Members;
VETERINARY MEDICINE – Dr. Christy Herr and FFA members Layla Brown, Cora Hokey,
Emsley Holcomb, Brooke Stuart, Kendrick Herr, Raleigh Doerstler, Madisyn Harrison, Kevlei
Moore, Ravyn Towns, & Olivia Klein; WATERSHED – Elijah Welch, Brett Skirvin, and Jessica
Foster from Richmond Sanitary District; Kylie Wheeler from ISDA; former SWCD board
members Don Berger, Scott McCarty, and Stephen Hayes, Jr., and FFA Jackson Toddish,
Cheyenne Booker, and Cameron Alexander; 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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