

# GOODING

## Soil Conservation District

The Gooding Community Garden continues to thrive and survive!



### DISTRICT PRIORITIES

1. Source Water Depletion
2. Soil Quality Limitations
3. Degraded Plant Condition
4. Field Sediment, Nutrient and Pathogen Loss
5. Livestock Production
6. Pest Pressure
7. Air Quality
8. Insufficient Energy Use



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*SWCD Board Meetings:  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m.*

### 2024 Revenue:

State Funding	\$24,129.42
County General Services	\$6,000.00
Community Garden	\$15,360.00
Fabric Mulch	\$1,104.00
No-Till Drill	\$16,929.00
WQPA	\$19,700.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 82,585.42</b>

The Gooding Soil Conservation District continues to sustain and maintain the Gooding Community Garden. With continual help from Barbara Messick, Admin. Asst. for her continuous help in grant writing and Dacia Yoder, Garden Manager. This year we received grants from St. Lukes (CHIF) program, Ag West Farm Credit, Glanbia Inc., Body Balance, and the Juvenile Probation entity. We also received help from Sliman and Bulter to fix a water leaks, Sticks and Stones donated a semi load of wood chips and the City of Gooding for water and more. We also sold 100- 1-gallon trees, sold baskets of produce and received donations to help sustain the garden. We wouldn't be able to maintain what we have and donate the amount of produce (6000lbs) without these contributors.

### WE THANK YOU!

It truly takes a VILLAGE and a TEAM effort to keep the garden growing. This year we reached out to a grant writer specialist to look for something bigger and better (Justin Vipperman) from Wendell Idaho, is that person.

We will be working with Justin to apply for more grants and hopefully continue the wonderful work we've accomplished.

# NRCS GOODING FIELD OFFICE STAFF!

Please help us welcome to the Gooding  
Field Office some new faces;  
Dinah Reaney - Acting Team 10 Lead,  
Derek Romer - Resource  
Conservationist, Matthew Rahko -  
Natural Resource Specialist  
and not pictured - Katie Dennis,  
Resource Conservationist.  
Come in and sign up for NRCS

# GOODING BUG CREW

The Gooding County Bug Crew attended a board meeting to say thank you for their contribution and to also report on the monitoring and releasing they did this summer. It was a great group of students that really loved what they were doing. One senior and 3 that will be returning.



Left, Dinah Reaney, Derek Romer, and  
Matthew Rahko

**CREATE YOUR OWN**  
*Fairy Garden*

**WEDNESDAY JUNE 26TH 6PM TO 9PM**  
**AT THE GOODING COMMUNITY GARDEN**  
**820 MAIN STREET IN BACK OF THE BUILDING**



**WORKSHOP FEE IS \$30** \* OFFERED BY PULLAN'S PRACTICAL MAGIC \* **CLASS SIZE LIMIT 20 SEATS**

**FEE INCLUDES:**

- SHELLACKED BASE
- GLUE
- PAINTS
- FAIRY GARDEN ITEMS
- FINISHING SPRAY

**RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!**  
TEXT 208-731-3149 OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK

**THIS IS A B.Y.O.B. FRIENDLY EVENT!**

SPECIALTY ITEMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE



# Locally Led Meeting

The Local Working Group met Thursday, September 4th at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. This year the attendance was down but still had some great discussion and decisions made on the NRCS EQIP priorities and ranking as well as the IRA SPECIAL EQIP program. The meeting included Gooding, Camas and Lincoln Counties as they are TEAM 10.



NRCS Resource Conservationist, Katie Dennis Helped explain the EQIP process and what was approved last year.

NRCS Resource Conservationist Derek Romer, ran the meeting



Representatives from Idaho Fish and Game University of Idaho Gooding Extension , Camas and Gooding Soil Conservation Districts were all in attendance

# Little City of Rocks

We are the luckiest district to have the best presenters in the Magic Valley helping us put on our Little City of the Rocks Workshop. The district entertained 300 5th grade students from Gooding, Bliss, Hagerman, North Valley Academy, Wendell, and Camas. They learned all about Geology, Archeology, Wildlife, Soils, Fire Prevention and Hydrology. Thank you to the wonderful teachers and administration who allow the kiddos to continue to come and participate in this great outdoor adventure. We are super proud of this event!





# Gooding Soil Conservation District

## EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS:



### POSTER CONTEST 2024

Poster Presentations were given to local schools by Barbara Messick, Administrative Assistant &

The topic this year was:

**“May the Forest Be with You - Always”**

We talked about the importance of Forest and planting trees & shrubs. How you need to plant and re-grow for oxygen and carbon sequestration.

Talked about the water cycle and why it’s our precious natural resource and how to conserve it. We also planted pumpkins for the Community Garden and the many activities planned in October.

**“MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU - ALWAYS!”**



### 2024 Speech Contest

The Gooding SCD continues to hold their annual speech contest. Information was sent out to all of Gooding County High Schools. This year we entertained 3 FFA members from Gooding High School. This year’s winner was Challis Burell, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Sierra Shaw and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Max Huber. The winner received \$100 \$65 and \$35 for all. Challis will be attending Division IV meeting and competing at the next level.



Judges Lacey Clarke, Desiree Knowlton and not pictured Nicole Pratt looking over the posters and picking the winners!



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# ARBOR DAY



The Gooding SCD held their annual Arbor Day Celebration. It was a day and wonderful turn out as we entertained.



Diane Houser, Mayor of Gooding, City employees, County Commissioners, the Manager of the Garden, Wood River RC&D

representatives, North Valley Academy 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, Amy Anderson and more. Gerry Bates, Community Forester from Idaho Falls, presented the city with a banner in honor of being a Tree City USA. We also planted many Rocky Mountain tree seedlings with the North Valley Academy, to sustain our garden.

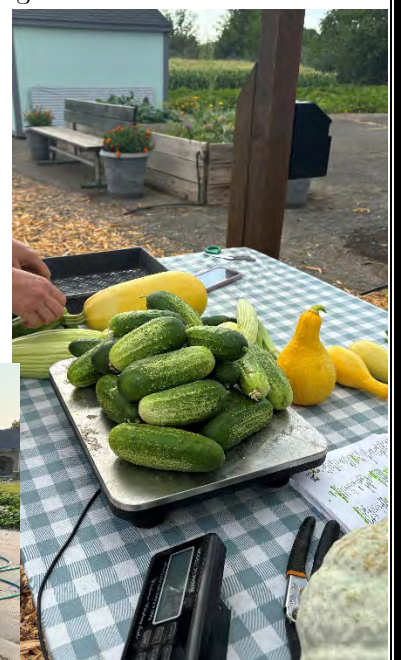
# COMMUNITY GARDEN



Manager Dacia Yoder, Asst. Manager Keith Haynes and Coordinator Barbara Messick in front of the Green House that we utilize for starting our own seeds.



Vegetables picked and weighed every day of harvest to give us supporting data that we need to prove & show the huge benefit to the community.



# WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA)



The Gooding and Wood River Soil Conservation District continues to follow up on the 14 landowners who utilized the Soil Moisture probe program.

We combined efforts to help inform landowners of new technology available to them. The project would help 14 landowners manage their water & teach them when to irrigate, how to apply, as well as when to plant



or harvest. The district held a workshop after the first season, even though we didn't install the probes until July, so it was a short season. However, landowners still attended and gave great feedback.

The workshop was intended for every landowner to ask questions and learn how to

read and retrieve the data applied on their phones & or computers. Tim Silvers, from Soiltech was the key to educating



landowners on the new technology and program.



**IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Gooding Soil  
Conservation District

**FOR YEAR:**  
FY-24

**DUE :**  
December 20, 2024

**CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

*Kay Hults*

Board Supervisor Signature

**Kay Hults**

Printed Name

**11-7-2024**

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