



# WOOD RIVER Soil and Water Conservation District



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*SWCD Board Meetings: The second Wednesday of every month*

## District Priorities:

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

## 2024 Revenue

County General Services	\$	6,500.00
State Funding	\$	23,193.23
Local Tree Sale	\$	28,892.00
Rangeland Drill Rental	\$	3,800.00
Pollinator Festival	\$	1,000.00
Water Quality Production for Agriculture	\$	17,500.00
Pesticide Workshop	\$	2,000.00
Pocket Park (Community Garden)	\$	5,500.00
<b>Total District Funds</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>88,385.23</b>

## Future District Projects

- Tree Sale
- Arbor Day Plantings
- Rangeland Management
- Neher Park Conservation Workshop
- Trees Against the Wind Projects
- Pesticide Workshop
- Communal High Tunnel Project!
- Legislative Capitol Speech Contest
- Poster Contest
- Envirothon
- Pollinator Festival
- Locally Led Meetings
- Stewardship Week

## SOIL MOISTURE PROBES WORKSHOP!



The Wood River Soil and Water Conservation District along with the Gooding Soil Conservation District received a WQPA grant from the Soil and Water Commission to purchase Soil Moisture Probes. The project would help 14 landowners manage their water and teach them when to irrigate, how to apply, as well as when to plant or harvest. We held a workshop after the first season, even though it was a short season due to timing of the grant. The workshop was intended for the landowners in the project to ask questions and learn how to read and understand the data on their phones & computers better. Tim Silvers, from Soiltech was the key to learning and understanding the new technology & program.





# Neher Park

## 5<sup>th</sup> grade Conservation Day!



Left: Daryl Ferguson- BLM, Tasha Harder -NRCS  
Kimberlee Shulson-North Side Canal Co.  
Sabrina Butzke- Native Roots LLC & Nathan Schutte  
Lincoln County Commissioner

The Wood River SWCD held their second annual 5<sup>th</sup> grade Conservation Workshop. It was held at the Neher Park 2 miles east of Shoshone on Hwy 93/26. We entertained all of Lincoln County's 5<sup>th</sup> graders, roughly around 65 students, giving them an outdoor hands-on educational day on the following:

Hydrology, Geology, Soils, Native Plants  
and the History of Neher Park.



Tasha Harder – Soil Scientist



Above: Nathan Schutte taking kids on a tour –  
Right: Kay Billington, Supervisor & timer for event



Kimberlee – Hydrology



Sabrina – Native Plants/Bees



Daryl Ferguson – Archeology - BLM





## 2024 FAIR DISPLAY

### The Lincoln County Fair! "Bounty of the County"

The Wood River SWCD board members Kay Billington, DeAnn Koonce and Admin. Asst. Barbara Messick put together a display for the Lincoln County Fair. The idea was to highlight the Community Garden and Pollinator Park. It was a success!



### Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Planting!

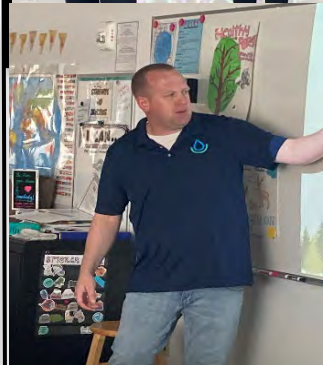
The WRSWCD District continues to celebrate Arbor Day, Community Garden & Pollinator Habitat. This year we dedicated 2 large Red Maple trees in memory of Payson Reese and Tony Bozzuto both local businessmen, sponsors and supporters of the Wood River SWCD.



#### DISTRICT LEADERSHIP:

Carl Pendleton	Chair	(208) 420- 6401	50 W 620 N	Shoshone, ID	83352
Kay Billington	Vice-Chairman	(208) 731-1511	669 E 1320 N	Richfield, ID	83349
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Carolyn Aoi	Associate	(208) 308-5865	62 Apple Street	Shoshone, ID	83352

## POSTER CONTEST



**"MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU - ALWAYS"**  
This year's Theme for Poster & Speech Contests!  
Pictured are poster winners from Lincoln County 5<sup>th</sup> graders and  
Presenter Derek Romer-NRCS Soil Con. and  
Barbara Messick, Admin. Asst.

Supervisor – Carolyn Aoi and  
Administrative Asst. Barbara Messick  
Representing the Wood River SWCD, honoring  
Tony Bozzuto with a tree and plaque at the  
baseball field in Shoshone.



## Locally Led Team 10 Meeting



The Local Working Group met Thursday, September 7th at the Gooding County Fairgrounds. This year the attendance was down; however, we 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 (TEAM 10).

Derek Romer and Katie Dennis both Soil Conservationists ran the meeting.



## 2024 SARE GRANT GREEN HOUSE PROJECT!

The Wood River SWCD applied for and received a Sustainable Agriculture Research & Educational (SARE) Grant for landowner Mark Kerner (Bootjack Dairy) 6 miles north of Shoshone right off Highway 75. The grant was to help install a greenhouse/ high tunnel for a communal type of demo project.

The need to provide opportunities for employees of local Agriculture producers and educate them on gardening, composting, cover crops, soil health, pollinator habitat and more is huge. In Lincoln County we continue to see food and gas prices go up and the need to produce your own food is essential. A High Tunnel would help extend the growing season on both sides of the fence, as well as provide a windbreak and shelter for plants to survive throughout the year.







### COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Community Garden / Pollinator Park continues to grow and flourish largely because of local volunteers and many high school students who need community hours to graduate. It is a win-win situation, and the garden wouldn't be as successful without their help.



FFA Students doing community service by helping lay wood chips & river rock while also setting up a drip system for pumpkins.



### 2024 TREE SALE



The Wood River SWCD held their annual Tree Sale at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. We continue to purchase 100s of trees and shrubs for windbreaks, shelterbelts and snow



fences. We couldn't do it without the community and local partners.

Trees are vital to our community in so many ways.

Trees improve air quality, provide shelter and habitat for the animals' help manage stormwater by absorbing rainfall reducing runoff and prevent soil erosion. Trees can reduce stress, improve mental health, increase property values and save energy by shade and more.

Trees are vital, as we have seen this past year with the number of fires and extensive winds that we've encountered this past year. It's even more important to grow trees!



# Annual Pollinator Festival!



Pumpkin Painting at the Festival!



Rionna Kerner – City of Shoshone Fire Dept. joining in the fun at the Pollinator Festival!

Face Painting for all the kiddos in 80 Degree Weather. Thankful for the support and involvement of the community.



Educating students on pollinators and native plants - Sabrina Butzke – Native Plants, DeAnn Koonce – District Supervisor – Painting pumpkins

Below are winners as we gave door prizes from the following sponsors: Ace Hardware, M&M Snack Bar along with the Wood River & Gooding SWCD.







There were many activities and another stations like rock painting and fairy gardens. Kids painted pollinators on rocks also halloween decorations for their fairy gardens. Everything was free and kids could take them home or leave for the Pocket Park !



Denise Helsley and her 4-H group that wanted to make some money for a shooting activite that was coming up.



Many dressing up and having fun!



The Wood River SWCD's held their 4th annual Pollinator Festival, Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We also added a few new vendors and fun things for kids to do. Above we welcome Zach Wood, Ironwood Micrology - who grows gourmet mushrooms.

We also had B&C Sugar Blast students that are home schooled and making a little money for school supplies. They served Cotton Candy and Popcorn.



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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT:

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FOR YEAR:

2024

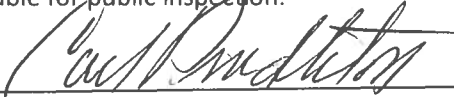
DUE :

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.



Board Supervisor Signature

CARL PENDLETON

Printed Name

11-6-2024

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