

# RECYCLING NEWSLETTER



## HAPPY RETIREMENT

June 30th, the Ross County Commissioners acknowledge as Judi White Day in honor of her 28 years of employment. She has worn many hats and played many roles for Ross County and the Solid Waste District. Thank you for being a great mentor, friend, and one of the hardest workers we know. Enjoy retirement, Judi!



Judi White, pictured 4th from left



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## NEW HIRE - ROSS COUNTY OUTREACH

My name is Sarah Wood. I am from Frankfort, OH. I am married to my husband Wes. We have four children Grace, Levi, Owen, and Mazie. I have always been passionate about recycling but never envisioned myself in the position I am in now. However, I have really enjoyed my job and cannot wait to learn and grow within it. My favorite part so far has been going into the classroom and working with children.

# EDUCATION OUTREACH EVENTS



STEM Recycled Tower Contest



## EXPERIENCE EARTH CAMP

Pickaway Soil & Water. RPHF SWD and Pickaway County Parks host EE Camp each summer for students entering 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. EE Camp is a three-day day camp that takes place at a Pickaway County outdoor location. Campers are given the opportunity to learn about nature, wildlife and the environment from experts in a fun and educational way!

## DISCOVERY CAMP

Discovery Camp is much like Experience Earth Camp, but hosted by Fayette Soil & Water Conservation District. The RPHF Solid Waste District taught over 70 campers how to build edible landfills and explained the importance of reducing, reusing and recycling.



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## ***EDUCATION OUTREACH***

### ***UPCYCLE PROJECT AT UNIOTO ELEMENTARY***

Unioto 3rd Graders learned how to reduce waste by reusing old t-shirts to make new dog toys! They did a great job and had such a fun time. They donated all their toys back to the dogs that attend the upcoming Woof Fest event in Ross County.



## ***LANDFILL KITS***



The Environmental Science class at Pickaway-Ross Educational Center has recently been learning about waste and landfills. We took a virtual tour of the SWACO landfill and made mini landfill kits. They did a great job and learned about all the job opportunities in the world of trash.

***Schedule Outreach programs:***

***<http://rphfsolidwastedistrict.com/contact.html>***

# EDUCATION OUTREACH

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## CONTACT US

SCHEDULE AN OUTREACH PROGRAM

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## Highland County Outreach Report

For Earth Day we were so happy to participate in the Liberty Park litter clean up day and were excited to help facilitate the Community Spring Cleaning day by providing a paper shred truck. We had a great year and are looking forward to the coming year serving Highland County.



## Special Collection Events

### Tire Collections:

663 - Pickaway

217 - Ross

1075 - Highland

370 - Fayette

### Electronic Collections:

\*\* Totals pending detailed invoice from vendor

### 2023 Collection Events

2023 tire & electronic collection events will be posted in January

2023. Event schedule link:

<http://rphfsolidwastedistrict.com/news.html>



# ENVIROTHON

## DISTRICT EMPLOYEES SERVE AS ORAL PRESENTATION JUDGES

### What is Envirothon?

According to [envirothon.org](http://envirothon.org), The Envirothon is an environmental and natural resource conservation problem-solving, teambuilding and leadership experience and competition for high school students (grades 9-12 or ages 14-19) across the United States, Canada, and China. Incorporating STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) principles, experiential learning and hands-on outdoor field experiences, the Envirothon fosters student learning in the areas of aquatic ecology, forestry, soils and land use, wildlife and current environmental issues.

It has been nearly 30 years since Ohio last hosted the program and it has grown by leaps and bounds since the 1990's. On July 29th, at Miami University, Lauren Haubeil-Grooms (Assistant Director) and Judi White (Former Ross County Outreach) served as oral presentation judges.



## 2022 NCF-Envirothon Annual Competition

### Top 3 Oral Presentations

- Top 3 Teams Announcement
- 'Zero Waste To Landfill' presented by John Meyer, Senior Director, Environmental Affairs, Smithfield Foods, Inc.
- Top 3 Teams Final Oral Presentation

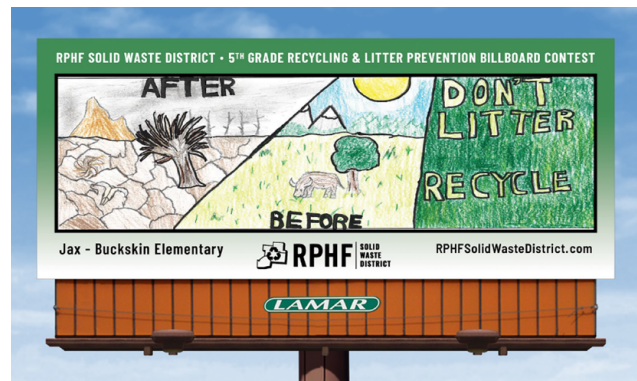
Teams offered outstanding presentations based on the Current Environmental Issue (CEI) "Waste to Resources". Teams were judged by a panel of professionals that represent industry, formal education, non-formal education, government agencies and natural resources fields.

You may find the competition results and recordings at <https://envirothon.org/the-competition/past-competitions/2022-ohio/>

# BILLBOARD CONTEST

## HIGHLAND COUNTY, BUCKSKIN

Jax Vanzaint, from Ms. Webb's classroom, created this thought-provoking illustration that earned a winning title in Highland County. This billboard may be viewed at 318 Rt. 138 & Rt. 28



## FAYETTE COUNTY, MIAMI TRACE

Another thought-provoking billboard drawn by the very talented, Landen Smith in Mrs. Trimble's classroom. His billboard is viewable at 1195 St. 22 W 0.5mi E/O Rt. 35.



## PICKAWAY COUNTY, SALT CREEK

This eye-catching tree was drawn by Juliette Jackson. Her teacher, Mrs. Bethel, explained how they have to be seen by cars driving by and she really embraced that idea. It may be viewed at at 29483 U.S. Route 23 South.



## ROSS COUNTY, UNIOTO

Summer Collier, from Mr. Sanderson's classroom drew a beautiful representation of the Three R's (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle). Her creative use of repurposed items earned her a billboard located on Western Ave. near Leeds Road in Chillicothe.

