# MID-YEAR NEWSLETTER



## **EVENTS**

# PICKAWAY COUNTY TIRE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION

May 20, 2023 8 am – Noon Pickaway County Highway Dept 1660 Island Rd, Circleville, OH 43113

# ROSS COUNTY TIRE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION

June 10, 2023 8 am - Noon Ross County Fairgrounds 344 Fairgrounds Rd, Chillicothe

## FAYETTE COUNTY TIRE COLLECTION

August 26, 2023 8 am - Noon Fayette County Fairgrounds 213 Fairview Ave, Washington CH

# HIGHLAND COUNTY TIRE & ELECTRONIC COLLECTION

September 23, 2023 8 am – Noon North High Business Center 1487 N. High St, Hillsboro



## **EARTH GATHERING FESTIVAL**

Each year, the District & Ross County Litter Control occupy a vendor space at Earth Gathering! This is a juried arts festival hosted by the Chillicothe Art League. We enjoy this event every time and look forward to many more!



### SIDEWALK CHALK CHALLENGE

We hosted a sidewalk chalk drawing challenge in honor of Earth Day! This challenge encourages Kindergarten - 1st Grade classrooms in Ross, Pickaway, Highland & Fayette County to get outside and create drawings about the challenge theme. The theme for this year is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle". Participation will earn each student an Earth Day.

## 5TH GRADE BILLBOARD CONTEST



## **ROSS COUNTY**

This billboard was created by Elyn at Unioto Elementary. You can view it 19980 US23 North WS 500Ft SO Crouse Chapel.



## **PICKAWAY COUNTY**

Kimber is the artist of this billboard. She is a student at Saltcreek Elementary. Her billboard location is: US 23 3.5 MILE N/O RT 22.



HIGHLAND COUNTY

Ms. Sophia at Lynchburg Clay is the artist of this very creative billboard. This Billboard can bee viewed at 318 ROUTE 138 & ROUTE 28.



**FAYETTE COUNTY** 

Kamri, at Miami Trace created this slogan and drawing. Her Billboard location is 1195 St. 22 W .5mi E/O Rt 35- Washington Court House.





## THE STORY OF ROSSCO

Rossco Raccoon Sr. originated from Ross County where he spent over twenty years calling Ross County Litter Control his home. Although he enjoyed his years of educating the community on environmental



Rossco Sr.

stewardship, Rossco Sr. decided it was time to retire. He has since passed the torch to his son, Rossco Raccoon Jr. Rossco Jr wanted to expand his horizons so he reached out to the RPHF Solid Waste District to talk about a partnership. The District loved the idea and now he calls both departments his home.

Hello Friends! I can't wait to meet you all!

-Rossco-Raccoon

# OUTREACH

2023



#### **HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**

The District Director, Erica Tucker, and Assistant Director, Lauren Haubeil-Grooms met with High School Students at Huntington to discuss options for litter prevention on Paint Creek. The students gave a presentation on a project they have been working on to create a litter bag for kayaks.



### **PAPER MAKING**

In collaboration with Pickaway County Soil & Water Conservation District, Lauren and Katerina have visited several 1st grade classrooms in Pickaway County. The students have learned all about recycling, specifically paper!

They shredded unwanted sheets of paper, mixed it with water and placed it in a blender. Then, the pulp was poured onto a screen so the students could press the water out. Finally, they transferred it to a safe place to dry.



## **ZANE TRACE FFA**

We discussed proper ways to pick up litter, learned about all of the recycling opportunities there are in Ross County, and interactively discussed the proper way to recycle using the bins. Friday, all of Mrs. Johnston's classes will be picking up roadside litter on Sulphur Spring, Snyder, and Dry Run Roads and will then enjoy lunch at the Village Inn. I had a great day with the kids and Mrs. Johnston. They even gifted me with a dozen eggs from their chickens and maple syrup that they made! - Sarah Wood