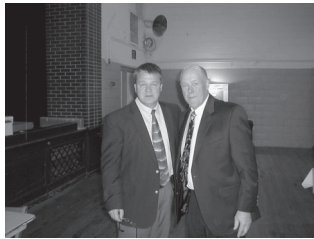
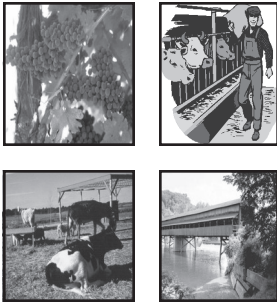


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presents Loren Ring with his years of service plaque on behalf of the Ashtabula SWCD Board and Staff

## THANKS LOREN!

As of December 2009 Loren Ring will conclude 26 years of elected service to the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District.

Loren was elected to the board on January, 1984. During his tenure on the board, he served as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer/Fiscal Agent and six months as an Associate Supervisor.

Under his leadership he gave support to educational programs for all ages and promoted conservation practices throughout the county as well as on his own farm. Over

the years practices installed on his farm include: tile, manure storage facility, watering pond, waterways. He was instrumental in securing office space for the district, worked with commissioners to purchase our building and making it into an agricultural center with the OSU Extension across the hall. Loren was instrumental in setting up the rental equipment program within the county.

On behalf of the Ashtabula SWCD Board and Staff we want to thank Loren for his years of friendship, leadership, and service. We will miss him and wish him and Nancy all the best in the future.

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### Board of Supervisors Reorganizes for 2010

The Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District held its monthly meeting in January to reorganize. The following persons were elected to these offices:

- Chairman:
- Vice-Chairman:
- Secretary:
- Treasurer/Fiscal Agent:
- Member:

The Board of Supervisors will meet the second Thursday of the month to conduct the business of the District. The monthly meetings are held at 39 Wall Street, Jefferson.

All Supervisors service the district with no pay and volunteer their time and knowledge to making wise natural resource decisions that benefit Ashtabula County residents.

### Special Points of Interest

- Feb. 11 Board Meeting
- Feb. 15 Office Closed
- Mar. 11 Board Meeting
- Mar. 19 Last day for tree orders
- Mar. 26 Last day for fish orders
- Mar. 30 Pickup day for fish - 10:00am to 11:00am at Asht. Co. Fairgrounds
- Apr. 08 Board Meeting
- Apr. 09 Seedling Pick up 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- Apr. 10 Seedling Pick up 8:00am to 10:00 am

### ATTENTION: Newsletter Recipients

The Ashtabula SWCD Newsletter is a publication to keep county residents informed of our SWCD program. Please phone the office at 440-576-4946 if your address needs corrected or if you wish to be taken OFF our mailing list.

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**ASHTABULA SWCD**  
**39 Wall Street Jefferson, Ohio 44047**  
**2010 TREE SEEDLING/GROUNDCOVER SALE**

Orders for the year 2010 Tree Seedling Sale will be accepted through Friday March 19, 2010 or until supplies are exhausted. Orders are taken on a first come, first served basis. *We are not responsible for packets not picked up on time. There are no refunds on orders of seedlings, groundcover, and flower seeds not picked up. Those orders not picked up by the following Monday will become a donation. Any unspoken for seedlings will be available for purchase on Monday.*

All orders must be picked up at the District Office between **8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Friday April 9 or between 8:00 am – 10:00 am Saturday April 10.** Full payment must accompany all orders. Please make payments to **“Ashtabula SWCD”.** *All nursery stock sold through the Ashtabula SWCD is sold “as is” without warranty, expressed or implied as to quality, variety, description, or results from customer planting. Bare root nursery stock is perishable. All orders should be immediately and carefully taken to planting site to ensure the highest percent of survival as possible. Extra measures should be taken to avoid exposure to sun and wind while planting. All sales are final with no guarantee of survival.*

- Packet 1- White Pine:** (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (6-10”) Excellent for windbreak and hedges.
- Packet 2- Colorado blue spruce:** (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (10-18”) Used for landscape, windbreaks, reforestation and Christmas trees
- Packet 3- Norway spruce:** (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (10-20”) Used for Christmas trees, ornamentals, timber and windbreaks.
- Packet 4- Scotch pine:** (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (12-16”) Hardy, short needle, blue-green.
- Packet 5-White Spruce:** (25 per pkt.) 3-yr seedlings (8-12”) Thrives in well drained or moist soil. It can endure heat and drought better than others. Extremely hardy and grows to 50 ft. Stiff needles are light bluish-green usually less than 1” in length.
- Packet 6- Canadian hemlock:** (10 per pkt.) 4-year seedlings (16-20”) Likes moist well-drained soil. Grows 70 feet; spreads 35 feet.
- Packet 7- Pin Oak:** (5 per pkt) 2-yr (12-18”) Native tree with fast growth 75’ in good soil. Acorns are good wildlife food. Excellent specimen as a lawn tree. Will tolerate wet soil but prefers moist rich, acidic well drained soil.
- Packet 8- Swamp White Oak:** (5 per pkt.) 2-yr seedling (1-2’) Grows 50 to 60’ in height and spread. Does well in wet, swampy conditions along rivers and streams. Excellent choice for wetland plantings.
- Packet 9- Sawtooth Gobbler Oak:** (5 per pkt.) 2-yr seedling (12-18”) Grows 40-60 feet and as wide. Gobbler acorns are smaller than regular. Sawtooth strains, but produce twice as many nuts. Acorns are excellent food for wildlife. Disease and insect resistant.
- Packet 10- Sugar Maple:** (5 per pkt.) 2-yr seedling (18-24”) Brilliant yellow, burnt orange and limited red tones in autumn, does not do well in wet areas.
- Packet 11- Snow-in-Summer:** (2 potted Perennials) Small, white, star-shaped flowers smother the bright, grey leaves in early summer. Blooms May through June. 6-12”, spreads 18-24” or more. Likes well drained soil. Disease and pest free and very drought tolerant.
- Packet 12- Grandi Flora Rock Cress:** (2 potted Perennials) Low growing, ground cover 4-6” in height. Spreads 12-24” making a carpet of flowers that tend to be in pink to purple tones. Blooms April-June. Plant in full sun or partial shade. Likes well drained soil. Attracts butterflies.
- Packet 13- Palace Purple Coral Bells:** (2 potted Perennials) Height of 15-18 inches; spreading 15-18 inches. Late spring sprays of tiny, pinkish white, bell shaped flowers are borne on wiry, red stems. Plant in full sun or shady woodland edge in moist soil. Attracts hummingbirds.
- Packet 14- English Ivy:** (25 per pkt.) 1-year transplants bare-rooted. Likes full sun or full shade.
- Packet 15- Pachysandra Cuttings:** (25 per pkt.) 1-year transplants bare-rooted. Grows on any soil type.
- Packet 16- Hummingbird Mix:** contains 12 varieties of annuals and biennials; will cover 75 sq. ft.
- Packet 17- Wildflower Mix:** contains 24 varieties of annuals, perennials and biennials; will cover 250 sq. ft.
- Packet 18- Bird & Butterfly Mix:** contains 17 varieties of annuals and perennials; will cover 250 sq. ft.
- Packet 19- Perennial Wildflower Mix:** contains 12 varieties of perennials; will cover 250 sq. ft.

**CUT AND RETURN BOTTOM HALF OF ORDER FORM**

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**JOHN WILSON  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATIONS DUE  
MARCH 5, 2010**

Applications for the 2010 John F. Wilson Memorial Scholarship must be received by the Ashtabula Soil and Water Conservation District by March 5th for eligibility. This fund was

established to provide financial assistance to high school graduates pursuing or college students of Ashtabula County majoring in a natural resource field.

John F. Wilson was the first Ashtabula SWCD conservationist. He worked in that capacity for 28 years until this retirement in 1978.

The district awards two, one time,

\$500 scholarships. Candidates will be evaluated on academic achievement, community involvement and course of study. Prospective applicants can contact their high school guidance counselor or go to our website at [www.suite224.net/~ashtswcd](http://www.suite224.net/~ashtswcd) to print application form.

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Nathan Paskey-District Manager/Technician  
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**OR CURRENT RESIDENT**

**2010 FISH ORDER FORM**

Ashtabula S.W.C.D.  
39 Wall Street, Jefferson, Ohio 44047

The District will be selling fish for stocking ponds beginning December as a service to its landowners. These fish come healthy and ready to be gently placed in your pond; *we can not guarantee that they will all survive.*

The fish truck will come to the Ashtabula County Fair Grounds (west parking lot by horse barns) on **Tuesday, March 30, 2010 between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. MARK YOUR CALENDARS**, as there will be no notification sent to remind you of the pick up day and time. On pickup day, please bring a clean container of your own pond water. You must bring one 5-gallon bucket per 50 fish ordered. For white Amur, bring one 5-gallon bucket for every two Amurs ordered. For all fish, line each container with an UNSCENTED, HEAVY DUTY garbage bag, and fill containers 3/4 full with water (no more, no less!). Let us know if you will be driving more than 30 minutes on your way home.

**All orders should be made by Friday, March 26** payment must accompany your order. All fish must be picked up at this time; we cannot hold or deliver your fish for you. **NO REFUNDS ON FISH NOT PICKED UP.** Make checks payable to **ASHTABULA SWCD.**

**CLIP HERE AND KEEP TOP HALF**

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2"-4" Largemouth Bass @ \$0.80 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 2"-4" Bluegill @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 4"-6" Channel Catfish @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 1"-2" Fathead Minnows @ \$6.00/100 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 3"-5" Perch @ \$0.75 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 10-12" Triploid White Amur @ \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I will be driving more than 30 minutes on my return trip \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

County where Amur will be stocked \_\_\_\_\_

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