



In early spring, as high-school Envirothon teams across the state were preparing for their area competitions, the emergence of COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the hands-on, natural resources outdoor testing events. Some of these

students had been studying for months. Others had competed for years. For others, the Envirothon could have been the thing that hooked them on a career in natural resources.

Determined not to let them down, Envirothon coordinators across the state worked together to create an online version of the competition. Nearly 30 teams competed in the online event, which consisted of timed tests in the resource areas of aquatics, forestry, wildlife, soils, and a current environmental issue. The top six teams advanced to a second level of online competition that asked them to prepare a five-minute team presentation on the current issue topic of water resource

management and present it virtually to a panel of judges.

The team from Bellefontaine High School in Logan county placed first in the virtual competition, followed by the Lynchburg-Clay team from Highland county and Boardman High School from Mahoning county. The top three teams were awarded individual and team cash prizes, which were presented virtually by program sponsors including the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, the Ohio EPA, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The Envirothon encourages cooperative decision making, team building, and problem solving for students in grades 9 through 12. Participants gain a greater awareness of natural resources and environmental issues. They also meet a wide range of professionals while learning about the diversity of natural resources and environmental career opportunities. For more information, or if your high school is interested in participating in the Envirothon, please contact Wendee Dodds.

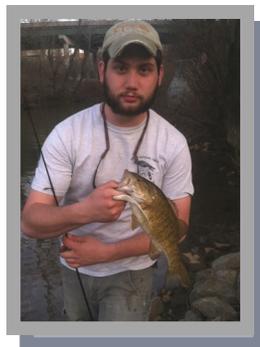
Logan Moon, Cross Creek/ Yellow Creek Watershed Coordinator

Logan recently filled the position of Cross Creek/ Yellow Creek Watershed Coordinator. He is a native Ohioan that grew up in Carroll County and is passionate about outdoor sports and

conserving our natural resources.

Growing up in an agricultural area he was very involved in 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA). He graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Management from West Virginia University.

Working in wildlife and fisheries across the United States has given him a broad range of experience in managing natural areas. He is an avid fisherman and conservationist and wants to dedicate himself to developing good stream habitat and water quality for Ohio communities.



You may contact Logan at 740-264-9790.

Native Tree Sale

Native Tree "GRAB and GO" sale is scheduled for Spring of 2021 at Quaker Ridge Arboretum and Nature Trails. Trees will be on a first come first serve basis. Pre-orders will not be taken.

The sale provides landowners an opportunity to purchase mature trees native to this section of Appalachia at wholesale prices. Various species will be offered in three gallon pots as well as a description of preferred planting conditions for each. Trees will be roughly four feet tall.

Native plants are the foundation of the ecosystem that supports us. They help to clean our air, filter our water, provide for wildlife and keep our soil in place as well as increase pollination. Adding native plants to your landscape is an easy way to promote the conservation of our natural resources for future generations.

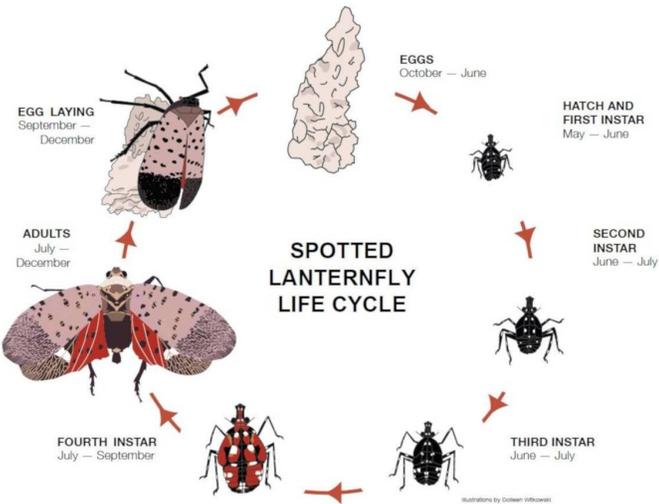




Spotted Lanternfly

adults and nymphs are active at this time of year...Help us spot spotted lanternfly!

Contact the Ohio Department of Agriculture at 614-728-6201 or use the Great Lakes Detection Network App to report sightings of this insect!



What else? Kill it! Squash it, smash it...just get rid of it. In the fall, these bugs will lay egg masses with 30-50 eggs each. These are called bad bugs for a reason, don't let them take over your county next.



Despite the Eastern Ohio Grazing Council making the difficult decision in March to cancel it's monthly in-person pasture walks, livestock producers from a multi-county area still have an opportunity to virtually "visit" local pasture operations and learn more about grazing topics.

USDA-NRCS staff Clint Finney and Beth Krupczak have been dedicated to helping continue the activities of the EOGC by visiting local producers' operations and developing monthly pasture walk video presentations, as well as creating short weekly virtual presentations on a variety of timely grazing topics.

Since May, virtual pasture walk hosts have included: Julius and Jodee Verhovec at their Smithfield, Ohio cow/calf operation; Ron and Debbie Host of Harrison County; Shawn and Beth Dougherty at their home farm location outside of Toronto, Ohio; and Hans and Brittany Baltzly in Stark County.

In addition to the virtual pasture walks, topics for the weekly short video presentations include: Forage Identification; Surviving the Spring Forage Flush; Right-Sizing Your Operation; What Does A Properly Grazed Pasture Look Like?; Extra Forage Options; Winter Feeding Decisions; Trampled Forage; and Grazing the Summer Slump.

The virtual pasture walks and videos can be viewed at producers' convenience and can be re-visited at any time. The EOGC invites those interested to view the presentations by visiting them on Facebook or by searching Eastern Ohio Grazing Council on YouTube.



Mystery Photo... Still No Winner

In our last newsletter, we challenged our readers to identify these past board members and receive a free ticket to the 2020 Annual Meeting. Although we had one attempt, providing two of the five names, we are still looking for someone to identify all five men correctly.

Due to the current pandemic, the winner will not be receiving an Annual Meeting ticket but instead the choice between a plat book or wall map.

Email your guesses to abrowning@jeffersoncountyoh.com or mail to our office.

