

Snyder County Conservation District Holds Awards Banquet

The Snyder County Conservation District (SCCD) held its annual banquet on Friday, March 29, 2019, at the Christ Community United Methodist Church, 3939 Park Road near Selinsgrove. One hundred thirty (130) attended the event. Individuals, organizations and FFA members were honored for their efforts toward conservation by SCCD board directors, SCCD and PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resource (DCNR) staff.

Before awards were presented, a meal served by the church was enjoyed by all. After the awards, banquet attendees were listened to a local historian/entertainer.

Several Snyder County FFA members were recognized for their placement in the SUN (Snyder-Union-Northumberland) Area conservation public speaking and forestry contests held last year. Each member received a certificate and monetary award.

Conservation Public Speaking: Addie Lannan, 1st place, Selinsgrove; and Tabitha Hauck, 2nd place, Selinsgrove.

Forestry: Dylan Reinard, 1st place, Selinsgrove; Jacob Richard, 2nd place, Mid-West; and 3rd place, Anthony Royer.

Several other awards were given out as well: (Photos on next page.)

- Conservation Boy Scout Awards: This new award is in recognition of any Boy or Girl Scout of their interest in improving the environment through soil and water conservation. The recipients were Todd Straub, Jr. and Aaron Ulrich, both from the Middleburg Pack 415.
- Conservation Organization Award: The East Snyder Community Garden, located along University Avenue west of Selinsgrove in Penn Township, was recognized for their impact on protecting the environment.
- Conservation Innovation Award: Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes, headquartered along Salem Road north of Middleburg, is a manufacturer of log homes and cabins, timber frame home packages, was chosen for their environmental stewardship.
- Distinguished Service Award: Craig Bingman, who recently retired SCCD District Manager last August, served as the agency's head for forty (40) years. He was the first full-time District Manager the SCCD had when hired and he saw the growth of the SCCD staff from only one administrative assistant in the beginning to a overseeing a total technical and administrative staff of five when he retired.

After the awards were given, Van Wagner, Lewisburg Area High School environmental science and agriculture education teacher, historian and entertainer who resides near Danville, sang several of his songs related to Pennsylvania history and heritage.





Above: SCCD Board Chairperson Annette Gray (left) presents retired SCCD District Manager Craig Bingman (center) a plate of chocolate chip cookies and the Distinguished Service Award. Jason Winey (right), current SCCD District Manager stands alongside Craig.



Above Photos: Todd Straub, Jr. (center, left photo) and Aaron Ulrich (center, right photo), both from the Middleburg Pack 415, each receive a patch and Conservation Boy Scout Award certificate. They are with Annette Gray, SCCD Board Chairperson (left, both photos), John Portzline, Assistant District Forester, PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Bald Eagle State Forest (right, left photo) and SCCD District Manager Jason Winey (right, right photo).



Left Photo: Jennifer and Dan Ressler (center left and center right), representing the East Snyder Community Garden, accept the Conservation Organization Award from SCCD Board Chairperson Annette Gray and SCCD Public Director Jake Stiefel (far right). Right Photo: Lynda Thompkins, Owner (center left) and Bobbie Landis, Charge of Marketing (center right) accept the Conservation Innovation Award for Timberhaven Log & Timber Homes while SCCD Board Chairperson Annette Gray and SCCD Resource Conservation Technician Tim Hornberer (far right) look on.



Van Wagner (above), presents one of his songs related to Pennsylvania history and heritage during the entertainment portion of the banquet

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