



REGION I NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2023

Region I News

Summer is here and that means vacations, lake days and fresh summer vegetables! Be sure to check out local Farmer's Markets and support your local farmers.

The NRCW was held in June and was a success! There was a student from the Blue Ridge Mountain District who won a scholarship. Each District in Region I has planned to support many great projects with their state allotments.

Our very own Conservation Manager, Josh Jackwood, will be teaching a Blue Card Certification Course in July.

If you have a need for no-till drills, weed wipers, hog trapping, please contact our office.

Erosion Control Updates

With the rain we have had and any upcoming rainfalls be sure to keep a check on any erosion with weekly inspections. Dry spells can also cause soil detachment, so keep an eye on that as well. Contact our office if we can help!

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Catoosa County Conservation District Awards Scholarships and Art Contest Winners!

Ringgold, GA – Catoosa County Conservation District traditionally selects one outstanding student seeking a career in agriculture, natural resources, or a similar field to receive their annual \$1,000 scholarship. This year, due to the exceptional quality and caliber of the applicants, the district board chose to award two \$500 scholarships in addition to the top \$1,000 scholarship.

This year's \$1,000 scholarship winner is Caitlin Loy, a senior at Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe High School.

The winners for the \$500 scholarships are Avery Cross, a senior at Ringgold High School, and Mikayla Dycus, who's obtained her Bachelor's Degree at UGA and will be pursuing a Masters!



Mikayla is pictured above (3rd from the right) with District Supervisors and her parents and was awarded a \$500 scholarship.



The poster contest winner is Mia Womack, a fifth grader at Battlefield Elementary. Mia won first place in the annual art contest for her poster (pictured to the left). This year's theme was "One Water - Interconnectedness Through Our Watersheds". Her poster will be submitted to the state level competition through the Georgia Association of Conservation Districts. All participants are pictured below.



The scholarship and poster contest winners were honored at the Catoosa County Conservation District's Annual Awards Picnic at Elsie Holmes Nature Park on May 4 in the company of their parents, teachers, 4-H leaders, and several other community members. The Catoosa County Conservation District would like to congratulate each student and thank them for participating in our programs which help to bring awareness to natural resource conservation.



Caitlin Lin is pictured above with her scholarship award and t-shirt at the Catoosa County Conservation District's Annual Awards Picnic at Elsie Holmes Nature Park.



Avery Cross is pictured above and was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Events:

July 18th - Composting Workshop (*Free workshop!*)

- Gordon County Ag Service Center, Calhoun, GA
- Register at www.gacd.us/events

July 21st - Blue Ridge Mountain SWCD Farm Tour

July 26th - 1A Initial (Blue Card) Certification Course

- The Colonnade, Ringgold, GA
- Pre-Registration is required and due by July 19th (\$125 per person)
- Register at www.gacd.us/events

August 6th-8th - GACD Annual Meeting, Savannah, GA

- Register at www.gacd.us/annualmeeting

District Highlights:

- NRCW was held June 11th-16th in Tifton, GA and was a success. Elijah Falls from the Blue Ridge Mountain District won a \$1,200 scholarship to attend Young Harris College.
- Mickey Cummings has taken over as the Chair for the Blue Ridge Mountain Conservation District and Dr. John Kay stepped down from the position.
- Photo contest winners in the Blue Ridge SWCD will be announced at the Farm Tour July 21st.
- Information about the Olin Hughes Memorial Scholarship was sent out to the Blue Ridge District July 7th.
- Charles Greenlea is a new supervisor for Fulton County.
- Sandy Springs (Fulton County) will have an overview done by Josh Jackwood July 31st.
- West GA 4-H is having their first ever Livestock Camp in July and all spots are already filled.