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# CATTARAUGUS COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## THAT'S A WRAP ON THE 2024 TREE SEEDLING SALE

Thank you to all our volunteers & supporters!



Longtime tree sale supporters, Dan Childs of Childs Blueberry Farm in Humphrey, NY, submitted a picture showing how they are instilling conservation with their grandsons. Chad and Braydon are helping to plant White Oak and Colorado Blue Spruce seedlings purchased from this year's sale. The family thinks of all the deer, turkeys, and squirrels who will enjoy the mature trees in the future.

Happy Planting!

## The Future Generation of Conservationists

District Field Manager, Jake Kelly, and Technician, Tyler Paar, had the opportunity to attend Allegany State Park's Great Outdoor Days earlier this past June! With them they brought a stream table borrowed from Chautauqua

County SWCD where they taught over 500 fourth and fifth graders about the characteristics of a stream and how they interact with the landscape and infrastructure. Needless to say, this interactive, hands-on exhibit was a hit with the little conservationists!



## Funding Opportunities via State Ag Grants!

The District is excited to announce its intentions to participate in this year's request for proposal (RFP) from New York State's Department of Agriculture & Market's Round 30 Ag Nonpoint Source Abatement & Control Program. Additionally, NYS Ag & Markets has unveiled a new funding program for operations under the Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) designation. This competitive grant, CAFO Enhanced Nutrient & Methane Management Program (ENMP), will see its inaugural RFP applications due in October 2024.

Any parties interested in potentially participating in either funding program should contact the District office by calling **(716) 350-4018** or visiting in person at **8 Martha St, Suite 2, Ellicottville, NY!**

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## Hinsdale Central Earns 2024 Envirothon Crown

The 2024 Cattaraugus County competition. Hinsdale Central Envirothon took place at Camp Allegany Team #1 took the top spot with in the Red House section of Allegany State Park on April 24th. Nine teams coming in second and third, respectively. Hinsdale moved on to represent Cattaraugus County in the NYS Envirothon Competition this past May where it was held at SUNY Cortland.



The Cattaraugus County Envirothon is a free competition put on for area high schools that relies solely on donations and volunteers. Anyone with interest in donating, please contact the District office for more information!

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## 2024 Catt. County Farmer - Neighbor Dinner Largest Yet

The 12th annual Cattaraugus County Farmer-Neighbor Dinner was held on April 10th at the West Valley Fire Hall. Thanks to the generous donations of numerous Cattaraugus County producers, the record number 350+ guests were able to enjoy a delicious, homecooked meal along with locally sourced beverages while mingling and networking with various venders, local officials, and other producers.

This great event is coordinated by numerous Cattaraugus County agencies including: Ag & Farmland Protection Board, Department of Economic Development, Planning, & Tourism, Farm Bureau, Soil & Water Conservation District, and the Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board. We at the District get the



honor of presenting the "Conservation Farm of the Year" Award to a local producer that exemplifies an upstanding dedication of agricultural conservation. Pictured above are beef producers Mike & Pam Jones, owners of Mekka Jo Farm, accepting this year's award from District manager Jake Kelly.

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### Simple Summer Salmon Contributed by Jake Kelly, CCSWCD

#### Ingredients

- 1 large salmon filet, salt and pepper, 1 lemon sliced thinly, 1 clove of garlic minced, 1 tbs butter thinly sliced, thyme & oregano to taste

#### Directions

1. preheat grill to 400 degrees F
2. prepare 2 sheets of aluminum foil 6" longer than filet & grease one side that salmon will be placed on
3. center filet on greased foil, skin side down
4. evenly season with salt, pepper, minced garlic, thyme, & oregano
5. place lemon slices & butter on top of filet, squeeze remaining lemons over filet
6. wrap top with second piece of foil and crimp, cook on medium for 18-20 min or until 145 degrees internally
7. remove and let rest 5 minutes, serve with steamed vegetables/rice

## — Conservation Cuisine Recipe —

One of our goals with every issue of our newsletter is to bring a unique and tasty, conservation related recipe to your table! We strive to make each recipe farm to table, garden grown, or wild game field to fork. If you have a recipe you feel should be featured, email it to [cattcoswcd@gmail.com](mailto:cattcoswcd@gmail.com) for a chance to be featured in upcoming issue or by mailing to:

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