

Shrubs and fruit tree sale underway

FARMINGTON — Franklin County Soil & Water Conservation District's annual shrub sale plans are in full-swing, and our complete brochure is available through our Web site: www.franklincswcd.org.

Early bird orders are due by March 1, so check out availability quickly so that you can reserve your plants. They arrive in early May, just in time to take advantage of spring planting.

Offerings this year include apple, pear, plum and peach trees; along with high bush blueberries, raspberries, & blackberries; asparagus, wild ginger, lemon grass, English lavender, bee balm, and herbs. There are also Spirea, Daphne, Potentilla, Daphne, Weigela; 19 different lilacs, including blue, yellow, pink, white and purple; Azaleas & Rhododendrons; coneflowers, astilbe, primrose, spiderwort, painted daisies, bleeding hearts, and much, much more.

Visit the Web site or drop into the office at 107 Park St., Farmington. Or call 778-4279 for more information. Pick up is scheduled at FCSWCD from 12:30 to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 7 and from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 8.

Orders are now being taken for rain barrels and compost bins as well. They're a great way to do your part to help preserve our environment.

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wanted to take a good look at the numbers," said Phillips board chairman John Wilbur after the meeting. "Mr. Charles asked for that time and out of respect, it was granted."

Depending on the outcome and review of the numbers, Wilbur suspected that they would vote on the issue —one way or the other.

Wilbur expressed his frustration with the issue and how things have transpired over time. "This has gone on far too long. It's taking up valuable time in which we could be working on other valuable projects... This needs to be put behind us. For not only us, but for Avon," Wilbur explained.

"What we have here is two dedicated boards on each side which I fully respect. Each board is just interested in protecting their taxpayers in a particular difficult time and what it boils down to is the dollar for these two small towns."

Wilbur said he thinks the proposed billing is fair and the general lay-out is fine, but as of last Friday's conversation, additional research was needed on the numbers which was currently being done.

It is expected that Charles will open the discussion on Friday with his evaluation of the financials.

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in this budget to reduce taxes. State cuts in forecasted deductions include \$30,594 less in state revenue sharing and approximately \$10,000 less in tree growth tax reimbursement. School trust fund interest is expected to increase \$20,000 for 2010.

The community benefit package from TransCanada is not expected to play a role at this time. TransCanada has pledged to contribute \$1,000 per megawatts produced per year to the town which could eventually lead to over \$100,000 in revenue.

Wyman said that any money received from the wind power development would go toward offsetting taxes.

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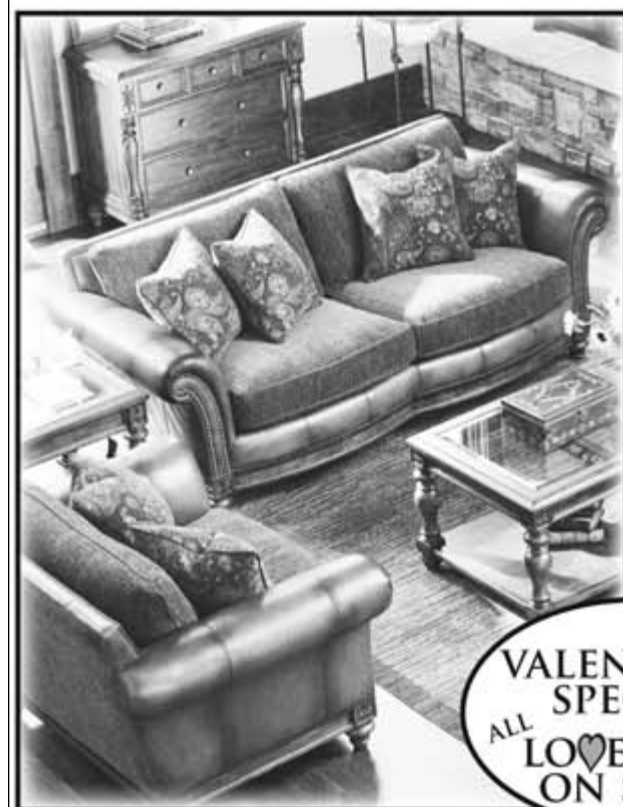
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