

MEDINA COUNTY BIG TREE CONTEST

Contest Guidelines:

- 1.) The 2020 contest is open for the tree Wild Black Cherry (*Prunus serotina*).
- 2.) Tree nominated must be located in Medina County.
- 3.) A tree may be nominated only once. The first nomination received will be entered in the contest.
- 4.) The tree does not have to be on the property of the nominator, however, permission of the landowner must be obtained by the nominator.
- 5.) The Medina County nomination form must be submitted to:
 - **Medina County Soil and Water Conservation District**
 - **6090 Wedgewood Road, Medina, Ohio 44256**
 - **330-722-9322**
- 6.) All nomination forms must be received by August 14, 2020 - 4:30 p.m.
- 7.) All nominated trees will be measured by qualified personnel who will use the official Ohio's Big Tree nomination form. Decisions of the judges will be final.
- 8.) The Medina Big Tree Award will be presented at the Annual Banquet of the Soil and Water Conservation District to be held in the fall.

2020 Wild Black Cherry NOMINATION FORM

- Circumference (in inches) at 4 1/2 feet height on uphill side of tree_____
- Best estimate of height (in feet)_____
- Best estimate of diameter (in feet) of the tree's crown _____
- Date Measured_____
- Measured by_____
- Location of Tree: Township_____
- Tree's location (sketch a map of the tree's location and **MARK THE TREE**) *This is very helpful!*
- Name of owner_____
- Address of tree _____ City_____ Zip_____
- Nominated by_____ Phone_____
- Nominator's address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Big Tree Contest

The Medina County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Medina County Gazette will sponsor the Seventeenth Annual Big Tree Contest. In this contest, entrants submit a nomination for a predetermined type of tree they believe might be the largest in the county. Qualified personnel will measure the trees to determine the winner.

The contest procedures are based on requirements of the Ohio Division of Forestry, since winners may be submitted for the Ohio Big Tree Program as a state champion. You may not have a state champion, but the tree could be Medina County's champ.

- ❖ 2020 big tree will be the **Wild Black Cherry tree** (*Prunus serotina*).
- ❖ The tree nominated must be located in Medina County.
- ❖ A tree may be nominated only once. The first nomination received will be entered in the contest.
- ❖ The tree does not have to be on the property of the nominator, however, permission of the landowner must be obtained prior to nomination.
- ❖ The nomination form must be submitted to the SWCD office by **August 14, 2020**.
- ❖ Qualified District personnel will measure all nominated trees. The decision of the District will be final.
- ❖ Prizes will be awarded at the District's annual meeting in the fall.
- ❖ Prizes will include a \$24.00 coupon to be used for the District's 2021 tree seedling sale (no other cash value) and a plaque with tree's statistics.

For an entry form to nominate your winning **Wild Black Cherry tree**.

For more information please call either Jim or Eric in our office.

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