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Annual Meeting & Banquet Registration Form

Please fill out the form below and send it to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, Oh 44691 along with your check made out to **Wayne SWCD** by **October 31, 2017**.

Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

The Barn Restaurant, Smithville, Ohio, November 16, 2017 - 6:30 PM

Voting Begins at 6:00 pm

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Adults _____ @\$15.00 Age 4-12 _____ @\$10.00 Age 3 & Under _____ Free

Total \$ _____

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“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



Annual Meeting November 16th

We look forward to welcoming you to our 70th Annual Meeting and dinner. This year the meeting will be held at **The Barn Restaurant**, located at 877 W. Main St., Smithville. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, November 16th**. Dinner will be banquet style and consist of ham, baked chicken, and roast beef with mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, homemade bread, assorted pies and beverage for \$15.00. Children age 4-12 will be \$10 per ticket and age 3 and under is free.

There will be an election of one (1) supervisor for the Wayne SWCD Board. Voting will take place before & during the meal from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend that day to vote, you can cast your absentee ballot at the Wayne SWCD office beginning Oct. 26th and until noon the day of election (Please read below for more details). Following voting and dinner, we are pleased to announce Rory Lewandowski, OSU Extension Educator, as our featured speaker. The topic of his presentation will be “Living, Learning, and Working with Small Farmers in Rural Bolivia”. We will be presenting several awards including the Conservation Farm Award and Conservation Education Award. This year there will be a “Lucky Draw” raffle. With each meal purchased you will receive 2 tickets. You get to choose what items to put your tickets in for the raffle. Additional tickets can be purchased at the dinner. The cost will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. You will need to present your meal ticket at the dinner to receive your complimentary raffle tickets. Proceeds will go towards our Education Fund. Please see pg.4 to RSVP.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- Oct 17 - Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- Nov 10 - Veteran's Day
- Nov 14 - Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- Nov 16 - Annual Mtg
- Nov 23 - Thanksgiving
- Dec 12 - Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- Dec 25 - Christmas



Supervisor Election & Absentee Ballots



In accordance with Ch. 940 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission will cause an election to be held electing one (1) supervisor to fill the expiring term of Fred Myers. The supervisor will be elected for a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2018. The candidates running for Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors to be elected at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 16th are Jeff Gochnauer and Ben Rehm. Please see page 2 for a brief bio of the candidates. Eligible voters and candidates shall be 18 years of age by day of election and shall reside within or own land within Wayne County. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to vote, please contact or stop in our office starting October 26, to cast your absentee ballot from 8 am to 4:30 pm weekdays, and from 8 am to noon on election day (Nov. 16th). Absentee ballots submitted via mail must arrive at the Wayne SWCD office before November 16th.

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BEN REHM



Ben lives in Green Twp. and farms 700 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat. He raises broiler chickens for Case Farms and Boer goats. Conservation practices instilled on his farm are minimum tillage, crop rotation, grass waterways, manure storage and manure management plan. In addition, he and his Dad custom farm an additional 2-300 acres in spring and 2,000 acres in the fall. Ben says, "They use all the hands they can in the fall to get it all done...Usually our family helps us the most and we love it!"

Ben is on the fair staff at the Wayne County Fair. He is a member of Farm Bureau & Vice President of Sunday School class at Wooster Grace.

Ben and his wife Melissa (Mel) have 2 children, Kendra and Cody.

Wayne County Fair Contest

Another year, and another guessing contest at our fair building, and this year our contest was all about the marbles! Of course many people might have lost a few marbles trying to guess the number of marbles in the container, but for one lucky person...they got it right



Wayne SWCD Fair Building—hope you visited!

on the money! **Haylee Keeler of Rittman**, guessed the exact amount and she also answered the tie-breaker question to win the \$30 gift card to Bob Evans Restaurant. She guessed correctly **517 marbles** and she knew that **95% of the U.S. fresh water supply comes from the Great Lakes!** With over 450 guesses during the fair, we

hoped everyone had a fun time visiting us and learned about the importance of healthy fresh water and watersheds and how we can keep our waters clean.

Septic System O&M Protects Streams

On the heels of **SepticSmart** Week (September 18th—22nd), it's a good time to become more aware of where our waste water goes and how it is treated when it leaves our house. Most homes outside of cities and villages have a septic system that treats their sewage. Recent EPA studies point to failing septic systems as a major source of pollution in local waterways. Keeping your septic system in good condition can save you money while protecting nearby streams & creeks.



Septic Sam

Here are a few simple tips for keeping your septic system running smoothly:

- Inspect/pump your septic tank every 3 to 5 years.
- Throw non-degradable items (e.g. diapers, paper towels, chemicals, etc.) into the trash instead of down the sink or toilet.
- Don't drive on or plant trees near the leach field—it can damage the pipes!
- Limit or eliminate the use of garbage disposals or solids will build up in the septic tank faster.

If you have an aerator make sure it is running continuously and is inspected regularly.

For more helpful septic system operation and maintenance tips log on to the Wayne SWCD website at <http://www.wayneswcd.org/stormwatermgt.html> and click on the link to the Wayne County Health Department under Related Storm Water Links. Just like maintaining your car—a little bit of periodic maintenance can avoid costly septic system repairs down the road. And the waterways will thank you!



JEFF GOCHNAUER



Jeff lives in Green Twp. and farms 720 acres in corn, soybeans, wheat and barley. He raises wean to finish hogs. Conservation practices used on the farm consist of grass buffer strips, grass waterways, no-till wheat barley and 1/2 beans, soil testing & pre side dress nitrogen testing.

Jeff is a member of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County and Farm Bureau.

Jeff and his wife Sherri have 4 children Miriam, Noah, Emma and Leah.

REMINDER: MWCD Cover Crop Grant \$\$\$

NOVEMBER 1, 2017
is the Seeding Deadline

REMINDER:
EQUIP Sign-up
NOVEMBER 15, 2017
Don't miss the deadline!



Milkweed For Monarchs

Due to the drastic decline in Monarch butterfly populations, the **Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative** (OPHI) and local Soil & Water Conservation Districts are again seeking public involvement to collect common and swamp milkweed seed pods from established plants September 1 through October 30. The seeds will be used to establish new plantings and additional habitat for the Monarch butterfly throughout Ohio.



Seed pods from common or swamp milkweed should be collected **ONLY WHEN THE PODS ARE DRY & BROWN-GREY**. If the center seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be picked. It is best to collect pods into paper bags or paper grocery sacks. Please note the date and county of collection on the bag. Avoid using plastic bags because they can allow mold to develop. **Wayne SWCD is pleased to serve as a local collection station.** Collected dry pods can be dropped off Mon-Fri from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm in our office through Oct. 30.

Poster Contest Winners

We are once again pleased to announce the county level winners of the 2017 Conservation Poster Contest. The contest was open to any Wayne County student in grades K-12. This year's theme was "Healthy Soils Are Full of Life." Winners for 1st & 2nd place respectively were: Joanna Pamer & Luke Snyder (grades K-1); Phoenix Myers & Greyden Smith (grades 2-3); Cora Schrier & Ellie Hanshaw (grades 4-6); Caislyn Hummel & Lily Zhang (grades 7-9) and Lily Bickett (grades 10-12).



Each winner was awarded a cash prize & certificate and 1st place winners were advanced to the State level for judging. Posters were displayed in the SWCD/STW Recycling Building during the Wayne County Fair. The District sponsors this contest to instill in our youth an appreciation & knowledge for the environment.

The 2018 NACD Conservation Poster theme will be "**Watersheds - Our Water, Our Home.**" Entries are due to our office by April 27th, 2018. Visit our website—**Education & Poster Contest** for complete details.

Nutrient Stewardship Credits Available for Purchase

Businesses, organizations, and individuals can now purchase Nutrient Stewardship Credits through the Wayne SWCD. Each credit equals 1 pound of phosphorus, 2 pounds of nitrogen and 1 ton of sediment. The credits were obtained from cover crops that were planted through the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District cover crop grant program. A credit can be purchased for \$10.00 with a minimum purchase of 10 credits. The sale of these credits will be used to support future conservation practices in the county. If you are interested in purchasing credits, please contact our office or visit www.credits4conservation.com to purchase.



Plat books are still available! Wayne SWCD has **NEW 2017** updated plat books available for purchase-\$25.00 each. Stop by our office and pick one up! They are handy!

Welcome Taylor



Taylor Gilmore

My name's Taylor Gilmore, Nutrient Management Specialist. I'm originally from Morrow County and received my State and American Degree for FFA in high school. I went to school at Hocking College majoring in GeoEnvironmental Science, and received my Associates in Applied Science. I'm really looking forward to this new chapter here in Wayne County as well as working alongside the community and the county. 



Resist the urge to deadhead flowers & plants until spring-time. Leaving them there throughout winter provides a vital source of food for wildlife.