



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



Supervisor Election & Open House ~ November 4, 2021



With the past year being a little “different”, we decided this is the year to be “different”! To do our part in keeping our community, Staff and Supervisors safe and healthy during these interesting times, we are happy to announce our 74th Supervisor Election will take place with an open house at the Buckeye Ag Museum, 877 West Old Lincoln Way, Wooster on November 4, 2021 from 3:00-7:00p.m.

Mark your calendars for this great event!! Supervisor voting will take place from 3:30-6:30p.m. During this time, you can take a tour of the Ag Museum, visit with SWCD Staff while social distancing (masks optional as of 9/20/2021* with the possibility to change), we will also have the “Lucky Draw” raffle at the end of the evening (winner need not be present to win). You get to choose what items to put your tickets in for the raffle! Plus snacks and beverages!

This is a FREE event, so stop out, cast your vote for two (2) Supervisors for the Wayne SWCD Board from 3:30-6:30p.m., take a tour and grab some FREE snacks! If you are unable to attend the open house to vote, you can cast your ballot at the Wayne SWCD Office beginning Oct. 6 and until Noon the day of the election. (Please see below for more Election details).

Supervisor Election & Absentee Ballots

Legal Notice

The Ohio Soil and Water Conservation Commission will cause an election of Supervisors of the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) to be held in accordance with Chapter 940 of the Ohio Revised Code. Individuals who own or occupy land within the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor.

There are 3 ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot:

- * At the Wayne SWCD office during normal business hours, 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m. beginning October 6, 2021 and until Noon on November 4, 2021.
- * Voting absentee from October 6, 2021 until November 4, 2021, by requesting the ballot application and election ballot from the Wayne SWCD office by mail at the following address: Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster OH 44691; by calling the office at 330-263-5376; or email shiller2@wayneoh.org All absentee ballots must be received by noon in the Wayne SWCD office on November 4, 2021.; or
- * At the Wayne SWCD Open House, which will take place at the Buckeye Ag Museum in Wooster on November 4, 2021 from 3:30 – 6:30p.m.

Eligible voters must complete a ballot application in its entirety for validation. Information provided will be used for the sole purpose of validating ballots.

Two (2) Supervisors will be elected to a three-year term commencing January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2024.

Nominee(s) are: Matthew Peart and Randy Tegtmeier

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Important Dates:

- 10/5–Board Meeting 8:30am
- 10/11–Columbus Day (closed)
- 11/2–Board Meeting 8:30am
- 11/4–Supervisor Election & Open House
- 11/11–Veteran’s Day (closed)
- 11/25–Thanksgiving (office closed 11/25 & 11/26)
- 12/14–Board Meeting 8:30am
- 12/25–Christmas (office closed 12/24)
- 1/1/2022–Happy New Year!! (office closed 12/31/21)



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Meet the Candidates:

Randy Tegtmeier

Randy lives in Congress Twp. with his wife, Heather, and sons: Cody, Brock and Kade. He farms 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, pumpkins and hay. Conservation practices installed are no till, crop rotation, strip cropping, grass waterways and cover crops.



Randy is a certified crop advisor independent seed salesman and also a member of the Farm Bureau, Ruritans and attends Mohican Church of the Brethren.

MATT PEART



Matt lives in Congress Twp. and farms 450 acres organically in Wayne and Summit County for the past 32 years. He grows corn, soybeans, spelt, hay and raises Angus cows. Conservation practices installed on the

farms are filter strips, conservation tillage, contour strips and grass waterways.

Matt is the President of the State Association for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD's) and a State Representative to the National Association of SWCD's.

Matt is also a Farm Bureau and Organic Crop Improvement Association member. Matt and his wife Shari have four adult children.

2021 County Fair Guessing Contest Winner



Kelly Riley & Kathy Burley work behind the table with the guessing contest at the 2021 Wayne County Fair... "How many Buckeye's are in the container?"

Hitting a triple out of the park! That is what Cheryl Gordon of Shreve, Rock Villard of Navarre and Nicole Dingery of Clinton did when all three of them correctly guessed that there were **103 BUCKEYES** in the container at our traditional guessing contest at the fair. For the first time in our history of doing the contests, we had a 3 way tie and all three (Cheryl, Rock and Nicole) even got the TIE- BREAKER question as well! And it was needed! The tie-breaker was: **What are the two (2) most popular types of trees (wood) used to make the Louisville Slugger Baseball Bat?** They correctly guessed Ash and Maple, which are correct! There were 4 other individuals who also guessed 103 correctly, but either did NOT guess the tie-breaker question, or were wrong. They were Jack Peterson, Cara Mckay, Colleen Edwards and Jasmine. Cheryl, Rock and Nicole each won a \$30 gift card to Bob Evans Restaurant. We thank everyone for stopping by and visiting us and participating in the contest. For more info please visit <https://www.sluggermuseum.com/about-us/faqs> We hope to see everyone again next year!

REMINDER: MWCD Cover Crop Grant

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NOVEMBER 1, 2021

is the planting Deadline

Wayne County Farm Tour

"Drive It Yourself Tour" of Southeastern Wayne County.



Oct 9-10, 2021 Noon—5PM

Display by Wayne SWCD & ODNR at Savage Run Farms

For more info:

<https://ofbf.org/2021/09/08/2021-wayne-county-farm-tour/>

Milkweed Pod Collection

The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative is collecting Milkweed pods! The disappearance of milkweed across the U.S. has contributed to the 80% decline of the Eastern Monarch population over the past 20 years. Drop off your common milkweed pods at the Wayne SWCD office between **Sept. 1 - Oct. 30**. When the center seam pops with gentle pressure, they can be harvested. Do not collect pods already open as they may be infected by milkweed beetles. It is very important to collect the pods when they are dry and grey/brown in color. Store them in a paper bag no plastic. Put the date and county collected on the bag when you turn them in. Also, keep the pods in a cool dry area until you drop them off. Thank you for your effort in helping the Monarchs! For more info you can refer to this website: www.ophi.info or visit our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/landowner-assistance>



Photo Credit: Ohio SWCD

Poster Contest Winners

We are pleased to once again have entries for the annual poster contest. One local student took top honors at the **State** Conservation Poster Contest level. The 2021 theme was “Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities.” Taking first place in the 2nd-3rd grade level was Luisa Arellano, Orrville Elementary School. Her poster competed against posters from 16 different counties across Ohio which were submitted by their local SWCD’s. Luisa’s poster will now go on to the **National** Conference judging.

Local County winners were Caspar Halene (2nd place, 2nd-3rd grade) Parkview Elementary, Kendall Stoller (1st place, 4th-6th grade) Chippewa and Sara Blaz (2nd place, 4th-6th grade) also of Chippewa. Each winner received a cash prize and certificate. Posters were displayed at the Wayne County Fair in the SWCD/STW Recycling Building. Wayne SWCD is proud to support our youth programs. Look for the [2022 Poster Theme](#) which should be in our Winter



Luisa Arellano's Winning Poster

Yard Waste—What Do I Do With It?

Fall is here, which means leaves are soon to follow. And some of us may still have shrub trimmings in plastic bags from this summer and piles of sticks we have accumulated this past year. So how can we manage yard waste and still protect our local waterways and environment?

The leftover sticks and shrub clippings and leaves that come down this fall can be taken to [a local composting facility](#) – if you don’t live in a community that has curbside pickup - instead of taking up valuable space in a landfill when thrown out in the trash. If hauling yard waste is inconvenient and you don’t have a dedicated spot on your property away from a waterway to dispose of it, you can feed these materials along with certain food wastes into a composter. A plastic composter can be purchased locally or you can build your own for around \$60. The [Wayne SWCD website shows](#) our office assembling a store-bought composter as well as a video and pictures on how to build your own.

The website also provides general guidance on composting (i.e. types of materials that can be composted, recommended mix of materials, etc.) and the location of local composting facilities. It takes several months to produce – longer during the colder months – but the compost end-product can be used in flower beds and as a soil amendment in the spring. Not to mention composting keeps food waste out of landfill where they are the main methane producers.

We all want a nice lawn and well-trimmed shrubs – and with a little planning we can reduce yard waste and dispose of it away from waterways and keep it out of the trash. If you have any questions about yard waste management please call our office at (330) 263-5376 or visit our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/storm-water-management/composting-project>

Control Invasives In Forestland Through the EQIP Program

Grapevines have become a problem for some forest owners in Wayne County. The grapevines can reduce tree growth and quality, and eventually kill the tree if left untreated. Other invasive species I have seen that need to be controlled include autumn olive, bush honeysuckle, and multiflora rose.

Landowners with invasive problems in their forestland are encouraged to check into treatment options available through the [Environmental Quality Incentives Program](#) (EQIP). Forest practices are available with payment rates ranging between \$41-\$224 per acre to control the vegetation depending on the level of infestation.

A current forest management plan is required to be eligible but if you do not have one EQIP will pay to have a plan developed. [NRCS](#) will pay 100% of the cost to have a certified forester develop the plan for you. Then you can sign up for practices as outlined in the plan. The incentive payment to control grapevine and other invasive species is based on 75% of the state average cost.

EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers and forest managers to address natural resource concerns. For more information or an application contact John Knapp at 330-262-2836.

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Thank You!!

We want to say Thank You to YOU, for helping us have a successful 2021 Fish and Tree Sale!!

For our fish sale, we sold a combined total of 7,364 fish!!

For our tree sale, we sold 2,215 spruce and pine trees.

We sold a total of 750 trees for our pre-bundled packs.

AND we also donated 500 white pine seedlings to local 3rd graders in our Wayne County Schools!!

If you're interested in purchasing fish or trees, keep your eyes open for our Winter Newsletter... We will have information on our 2022 Fish and Tree Sales!

Just a reminder: For best selection of trees, place your orders early before we sell out!!



2021 PLAT BOOKS OUT NOW!

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For purchase information, contact Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District at 330-263-5376

Also available for purchase online at mappingsolutionsgis.com

2021 Wayne County Plat Books are on sale in our office for only \$25.00!!!

Stop in and get yours today!

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