



CONSERVATION TRAILS

"Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation"

WAYNE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Winter 2016-2017

Awards Presented at 69th Annual Meeting

Wayne SWCD held its Annual Meeting and Banquet Nov. 17th at Northwestern High School. The 2016 Conservation Farm Award was presented to McKelvey Dairy. The dairy is operated by Kelly & Connie McKelvey along with their son Matt and his wife Tonya. The farm is located in Salt Creek Township and consists of 230 dairy cows and 340 acres of cropland.



A conservation plan and nutrient management plan are being followed on the land. Crops include corn, small grain and hay. All crops are planted with conservation tillage including no-till and strip till to protect the soil. Because of their commitment to conservation, Wayne SWCD was proud to give the McKelvey Dairy Farm this award.

Wayne SWCD strives to recognize community members as well as teachers who demonstrate a true passion for conservation. Carol Van Pelt received the 2016 Conservation Education Award. After retiring as administrator of the Wayne

County Care Center, Carol was the spirit and voice behind the massive project to get [The Barnes Preserve](#) to be a fully functioning 76 acre park. The land once part of the Wayne Co. Care Center is named after her family that operated the Center for many years. What sets Barnes Preserve apart, is it offers nearly a mile of ADA asphalted trails, woods hiking, wildlife & bird watching, and observing aquatic life at the wetland pond. It is truly a Wayne County hidden treasure located at 3396 Sylvan Road, Wooster, OH. Stop by & visit it!



The guests were then shown an entertaining conservation highlight video by SWCD staff for events and work done throughout the year, followed by door prizes.

THANKS TO THE ANNUAL MEETING DONORS

Apple Creek Banking Co, Farm Credit Mid-America, Lowe & Young, Steiner Excavating, Tyler Grain & Fertilizer, The Parlor, Beall Avenue Car Wash, Broken Rocks, Fiore's, Hartzler's Dairy, Green Thumb, JM Smucker, & Pine Tree Barn.

Tree Sale Returns This Spring

Famous Quote: "He who plants a tree plants a hope." The tree sale is back by popular demand! We will once again be taking orders for tree seedlings. Before ordering your seedlings, do your homework and consider a few things such as: How big will it grow? Does the species match the soil and conditions? You can find descriptions of the trees on the back of the order form. Deadline for tree orders will be March 8 & pick up on April 12, 2017. Tree order forms can also be found on our [website](#) or stop in the office!



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Speaking of Annual Meetings... we

want to hear from you! Please help us... if you have never been to our Banquet, or if you are a regular attendee or just only went one time, please fill out the on-line survey on our website on the [News & Events tab](#).

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 1/12 Board Meeting 10:00 am
- 1/16 Martin Luther King Day
- 2/2 CSP final day
- 2/6 OSU Survey deadline
- 2/14 Board Meeting 10:00 am
- 2/20 Presidents Day
- 3/8 Tree Sale deadline
- 3/14 Board Meeting 10:00 am
- 4/7 Fish Order deadline
- 4/11 Board Meeting 10:00 am
- 4/12 Tree Sale pick up
- 4/13 Fish Sale pick up

Supervisor Election Results



Dustin Ramsier

Results from the voting of the election of supervisors were announced at the conclusion of the evening on November 17th at the Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet. In the fall of 2016, Wayne SWCD sought to elect two (2) supervisors to fill the expiring terms of Parry Cochran and Scott Stoller. The Wayne SWCD is governed by five board members that are elected from the populous of Wayne County. Each board member serves a three year term as public officials and serve without pay. They are protected from liability by laws which indemnify all SWCD supervisors from personal liability in any civil actions arising from involvement with the SWCD. Board members provide locally led input and guidance to the programs and services provided by the Wayne SWCD. Staff provide the daily services and programs on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

We welcome newly elected Supervisor **Dustin Ramsier** from Milton Township and the re-election of **Scott Stoller**, also from Milton Township. They join Matt Peart, Fred Myers and John Redick. We would also like to say thank you to our former Supervisor Parry Cochran for his years of service and we wish him well. We can never have enough wonderful people in our county doing conservation and spreading the good word!

Plat Books on Sale \$17



Now is the time to stop by the office and pick up a Wayne County Plat book! We still have the 2014 edition plat books in stock—and are now on sale - reduced from \$25 down to \$17.00. The office is open Monday—Friday 8:00am—4:30 pm and we are located in the lower level of the County Administration Building. Cash or Checks only accepted, sorry no credit cards.

Education Tidbits

- **POSTER CONTEST:** Each year, Wayne SWCD sponsors an annual poster contest for grades K-12. The poster contest theme changes each year based on the NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts) national theme. The rules and guidelines are followed by the NACD rules. The 2017 Stewardship Theme is: "Healthy Soils Are Full of Life" Posters must have this displayed as the title. FMI, please go to www.nacdnet.org - click on Get Involved tab and the Stewardship & Education - and look for Contests, or visit <http://wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html> Students in Wayne County can enter & posters are due to the Wayne SWCD office **by April 28th.**
- **ENVIROTHON COMPETITION :** Any High School teacher or Home School group can form a five student team and compete in this outdoor event scheduled for May 3rd 2017 at Buffalo Creek Park in Medina County this year for Area 2. Students are tested on their knowledge of soils, forestry, wildlife, aquatic ecology and current environmental issues. In addition, the Envirothon encourages cooperative decision making and team building. Registration forms & release forms are due to Summit SWCD by March 31st. Contact Sandy at Summit SWCD to register @ 330-926-2452 or you can email sbarbic@summitswcd.org
- **EDUCATION PROGRAMS :** Contact Kelly Riley at kriley@wayneoh.org or call to schedule a free educational conservation program aligned to ODE grade level curriculum standards. She is available Monday -Thursday. To view the list of programs go to <http://wayneswcd.org/educationalprograms.html>



Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) Sign-Up

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is currently accepting applications for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). CSP is the largest conservation program in the United States with 70 million acres of productive agricultural and forest land enrolled.

CSP is for producers who are already good conservation stewards who want to further improve their operation by adopting new management activities. The program will help to implement cover crops, no-till, or forest management practices. CSP also encourages the adoption of cutting-edge technologies such as precision agriculture to improve soil health and water quality.



Applicants must have control of the land they want to enroll for a minimum of five years to be eligible. **Producers interested in the program should contact the NRCS office prior to February 3, 2017.** Additional information on the program is located at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/csp>. The Wayne County NRCS District Conservationist (DC) is John Knapp and his number is 330-262-2836 ext.101.

Survey says...



Attention Dairy Farms! You should be receiving an important survey in the mail from the Wayne County OSU Extension office. The purpose of the Wayne County Dairy Farm Manure Storage Survey is to gather base-line information regarding how prepared Wayne County dairy farms are to comply with [Senate Bill 1 \(SB 1\)](#) type of clean water/nutrient management legislation.



The Wayne Co. Extension office in partnership with the Wayne Co. Farm Bureau, Wayne SWCD and NRCS, the Wayne County Ag Success Team and the Wayne-Ashland Dairy Service Unit will be conducting this survey of Wayne County dairy farms to determine the current manure storage capacity on farms. Additionally, some information about the degree of financial hardship that would be experienced if legislation similar to SB 1 was extended to Wayne County will be collected. A goal is to use the data collected in conversations with legislators and other elected officials. We strongly encourage all to fill this survey out and return it by the **Feb. 6th deadline** so we can help assist local farmers and be a voice with our conservation community leaders.



Annual Meeting Survey! Have you ever attended the Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting/Banquet held every November? Whether you have or have not, we would like your opinion. Please go online and take a very quick survey and give us some feedback. You can also stop in our office and fill out a paper form - if you prefer. Please visit <http://wayneswcd.org/news&events.html> to find the survey or take it [online now](#). Thank-you!

Fillable CAP Online



Anyone that needs to fill out a Construction application for permit, or [CAP](#) as we call them in the office, will now be happy to know they can start the process online. In Wayne County, all applicable non-farm, earth disturbing activities are required to complete a Construction Application for Permit (CAP). The CAP must be completed and submitted to the Wayne SWCD Office. The Soil and Water Conservation District reviews the CAP and issues a Storm Water Construction Permit or a waiver to the Permit depending on the nature of the work and area of ground disturbed. To get started, or for more information, please visit our website at <http://wayneswcd.org/stormwatermgt.html>

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Tree Order Form Inside!



Wayne SWCD Annual FISH Sale



The Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District is now taking orders for our annual fish sale. The fish will be purchased from Fender's Fish Hatchery in Baltic. The types of fish which are available include fingerling size largemouth bass, channel catfish, white amur, perch, minnow, bluegill, hybrid bluegill, crappie, redear shellcracker, and Japanese koi. White amur (grass carp) are an excellent alternative to chemical control of weeds in ponds.

Orders for the fish will be taken until **Friday, April 7th**. **Pickup** date will be **THURSDAY, April 13th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds**. Orders must be picked up at the specified time. At the pickup, you will need to bring a container filled with your own pond water, 5 to 10 gallons of water per 100 fish is required. Line the container with a new plastic liner before adding water. The White Amur & Japanese Koi must be placed in a container with a lid or a liner large enough to be tied at the top. Only 2 Amur/Koi to each 5 gallons of water. If you have any questions concerning stocking rates, please contact our office at 330-262-2836. Send order to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691. *Keep this section for reference*

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	Species	Size	Price	Qty	Total
Name _____ Address _____ City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____ Email _____	Bass –Largemouth	2-3"	.90	_____	_____
	Black Crappie	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
	Bluegill	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
	Bluegill –Hybrid	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
	Channel Catfish	4-5"	.80	_____	_____
	Japanese Koi	6-8"	\$12.00	_____	_____
	Minnow	1-2"	.08	_____	_____
	Perch	2-3"	.85	_____	_____
	Redear Shellcracker	2-4"	.85	_____	_____
	White Amur	8-10"	\$13.00	_____	_____
	"Farm Pond Mgmt" Book By S. Fender		\$20.00	_____	_____
	Natures Pond Conditioner by Koenders		\$90.00	_____ (1 gallon)	_____
	TOTAL DUE -----				

Return this section with payment by April 13th

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