



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



## Annual Meeting November 8, 2018

The 71st Annual Meeting and dinner 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 8th**. Dinner will be banquet style and consist of ham, baked chicken, and roast beef with mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, home-made bread, assorted pies and beverage for \$15.00. Children age 4-12 are \$10 per ticket and age 3 and under is free.

There will be an election of two (2) supervisors 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. 18th through noon the day of election (Please read below for more details). Following voting and dinner, we are pleased to announce Sarah Jamison, Senior Service Hydrologist, as our featured speaker on "Localized Weather Forecasting and Observations & Why it is Important to Your Cooperators and Your District." The National Weather Service in Cleveland Ohio provides your local community with forecasts as well as watch, warnings, and advisories for adverse weather conditions. Weather prediction is a non-exact science, but improvements in satellite and computing power have lead to increased confidence in forecasts. Ms. Jamison will discuss her role in producing localized forecasts as well as the tools and observations necessary to produce them.

We will be presenting the Conservation Farm Award and Conservation Education Award. There will also be a Bicentennial Farm Award this year. Please see page 4 to RSVP.

## 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 two (2) supervisors to fill the expiring term of Matt Peart and John Redick. The supervisors will be elected for a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2019. The candidates running for Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors are Craig Grimes, Matt Peart and John Redick. 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 18, to cast your absentee ballot from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm weekdays, and from 8:00 am to noon on election day (Nov. 8th). Absentee ballots submitted via mail must arrive at the Wayne SWCD office before November 8th.



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### Important Dates:

10/1—Board Meeting 10:30 am

11/8—Annual Meeting

11/12—Veteran's Day

11/13—Board Meeting 8:30 am

11/22—Thanksgiving

12/11—Board Meeting 8:30 am

12/25—Christmas



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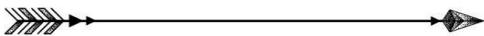
**Meet the Candidates:**



**CRAIG B. GRIMES**

Craig lives in Baughman Twp. The home farm is 113 acres and Craig farms additional acreage alongside his parents. Raising a variety of small grains (oats, barley, triticale, rye) soybeans & corn. The majority of soybeans and grains are raised for seed. They raise 200 head of hogs & working to build a small sow herd for a farrow-to-finish operation (currently 30 sows). The use of cover crops is a significant part of their farm management to keep soil in place & maximize water infiltration year round.

Craig has a bachelors degree from OSU & doctorate from the University of Wyoming, both in geology. He previously worked at Mississippi State University & Ohio University as a professor, before responding to the desire to return to farming & family. As he has transitioned back to Wayne County, he is thankful to have such strong support from his parents. In addition to returning to agriculture, he was recently employed at Orrville High School teaching high school science. Craig and his wife Kristi have two sons and two daughters.



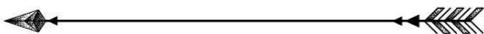
**MATT PEART**



Matt lives in Congress Twp. and farms 400 acres organically in Wayne and Summit County for the past 20 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 VP 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.



**JOHN REDICK**

John lives in Chester Twp. and is a partner in JCB Redick Farms Operation with 1,500 crop acres owned & rented. They finish 50-60 head of beef cattle & 20 head herd Angus beef cows. Crops are corn, soybeans, wheat, grass hay, pasture & some custom planting & harvesting.

Conservation practices used on the farm consist of strip till corn, vertical tillage with residue management for beans & many waterways.

John is Capt. w/New Pittsburgh Fire and Rescue Department. John and his wife Karen have two children and four grandchildren.

**New Cost Share Option for Livestock Exclusion**

Wayne SWCD has a new cost share option to help landowners exclude livestock from streams. The cost share funds can be used to exclude livestock out of streams, install stream crossings and install off stream watering. The cost share rate will be at 100%; not to exceed the individual practice rates listed in the Natural Conservation Service statewide average cost list.



Applicants must agree to maintain buffers and practices for ten years. Please contact our office for more details.

**2018 County Fair Guessing Contest Winner**



How were we to know that our theme about fish and watersheds would take such a serious role at the 2018 Wayne County Fair? The lure of the guessing contest to win a \$30 gift card to Bob Evans restaurant might have been

dampened by the low crowd numbers, but that didn't stop Kole Gish of Apple Creek from winning! Kole was the closest one to guess that 322 Swedish Fish were in our container. Kole guessed 320...and even though the tie breaker wasn't needed....the question many people had a fun time answering was: "Which (US) State harvests the most fish? That answer is ALASKA. In fact, Alaska has topped the nation in total fishing volume for the past 20 years! We thank everyone for stopping by to visit our building during the fair!

**Milkweed Pod Collection**

The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative is calling on Ohioans for a second year of Milkweed pod collections! 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, grey or brown and store in a paper bag. 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 on milkweeds you can refer to this video!

<http://u.osu.edu/beelab/milkweed-seed/>



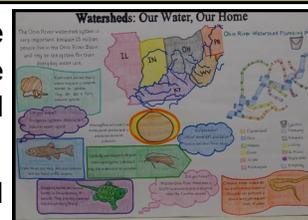
## Poster Contest Winners



Sadie Miedel—2nd Place

Wayne County had two local students who took top honors at the **STATE CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST**. Winning 1st place was Elizabeth Maiworm (grades 10-12) Orrville High School and 2nd place was Sadie Miedel (grades 7-9) Central Christian.

These posters competed against posters from across the state and were submitted by their local SWCD. The first place winning posters will now go to the **NATIONAL** Conference judging to be held in San Antonio, Texas. This program is part of the NACD—National Association of Conservation District's annual Poster Contest and Education Awareness campaign. Wayne SWCD is proud to be a part of this and supports our youth programs.



Elizabeth Maiworm—1st Place

**NEWS FLASH!** The 2019 NACD Conservation Theme has been posted - anyone interested can find more information on their website. The 2019 theme will be **"Life in the Soil—Dig Deeper"**. FMI and a list of great educational resources please visit the website at <http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship>.

## We Can Help You Solve Your Erosion Problems

Anyone who drove around the county earlier this year noticed a lot of cropland erosion from the heavy rains we received in the spring. I didn't notice any washouts in fields with heavy corn residue or cover crops, only those that were clean tilled in the fall or had little to no residue from corn silage or soybeans. If you noticed erosion problems in your fields consider changing your cropping system including the rotation and tillage to leave more residue on the soil surface or use a cover crop.

If you have gullies that have become too deep to smooth over with tillage equipment you should consider installing a grassed waterway. Waterways typically do not take up much acreage and are designed to be crossed by equipment. The average waterway is 30' wide and 1' deep but can be larger depending on the soil type, slope, and size of the watershed. Crossing a waterway is easier than trying to cross a gully with every field pass.

Incentive payments may be available for new practices on your farm including conservation tillage, cover crops, and waterways through the EQIP program. Don't hesitate to contact the office if you need conservation planning assistance or advice to solve erosion problems.

## Ohio No-Till Council Field Day

On August 29, 2018, the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District participated in the Ohio No-Till Council Field Day that was held at the OARDC. Attendees had the opportunity to hear Dr. Grover Triplett share the history on how he and Dr. David Van Buren started the first no-till plots at the OARDC in 1962. The attendees traveled to the no-till plots that have been continuous no-till for over 55 years and the benefits of no-till were explained to the group out in the field. In the afternoon, the Wayne SWCD staff conducted a session discussing the best cover crops to address soil erosion in soybean fields. Speakers, Dave Brandt and Bill Haydad, shared their expertise and recommendations on how to address erosion in soybean fields over winter. A session was also held sharing the current cost share options available through Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) for cover crops. Rory Lewandowski with Ohio State University Extension also moderated a panel of local farmers who shared their experiences in using cover crops as a forage.

REMINDER:

**EQUIP Sign-up**

**OCTOBER 19, 2018**

**Don't miss the deadline!**



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REMINDER: MWCD Cover Crop  
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**NOVEMBER 1, 2018**

is the Seeding Deadline

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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 22, 2018**.

### Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

The Barn Restaurant, Smithville, Ohio, November 8, 2018 - 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks payable to Wayne SWCD and return by October 22, 2018**

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