



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”
Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

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Winter 2017-2018

Awards Presented at 70th Annual Meeting

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District's 70th Annual Meeting and Banquet was held at The Barn Restaurant in Smithville on November 16, 2017.



The Conservation Education Award was presented to Heidi Breudigam, a teacher at Hazel Harvey Elementary School. Heidi has been teaching at Hazel Harvey for 17 years. She is a model not only to her students, but to conservation herself. She will tell you “Education is my passion” and “I believe it is my job, as an educator, to instruct and model conservation.” Conservation is an everyday observance in her classroom with recycling, composting and bird feeders. Her science lessons are hands on and she tries to get students outside or bring the outside in. Heidi has been awarded many grants which

helped create raised bed gardens, a mini-wetland and bird feeding stations with bird houses. Because of this, Hazel Harvey became a certified Wild School Site by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

The Conservation Farm Award was also presented to Pine Tree Dairy. Pine Tree Dairy is operated by Matt Steiner and his family in Milton Township. Matt and his sons Nate, Joel, Luke, Aaron, Andrew, Ethan, Matthew Jr., and son in law Jeremy all assist with the farm. A new facility was finished in 2012 and houses 650 dairy cows. A Conservation Plan and a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) are being followed on 2,400 acres of cropland.

We appreciate their commitment to conservation.

The guest speaker at the meeting was Rory Lewandowski, OSU Extension. Rory's presentation was “Living, Learning, and Working with Small Farmers in Rural Bolivia” which was based on his experiences living there from 1989 -1992 and again from 1999 - 2000.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

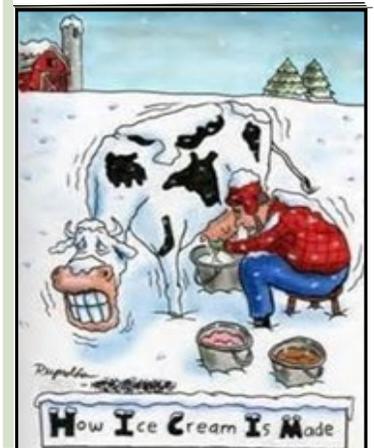
- 2/13 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 2/19 Presidents' Day
- 3/11 Daylight Savings Time
- 3/13 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 3/28 Pond Clinic
- 4/6 Fish Sale Deadline
- 4/10 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 4/12 Fish Handout
- 4/27 Poster Deadline



HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Supervisor Election Results

Results from the election for a new Supervisor was announced at the conclusion of the evening on November 16th at the Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet. In the fall of 2017 Wayne SWCD sought to elect one (1) supervisor to fill the expiring term of Fred Myers who was retiring. 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 Wayne SWCD. Staff provide the daily services and programs on behalf of the Board of Supervisors.

We welcome newly elected Supervisor **Jeff Gochbauer** from Green Township. Jeff will join incumbent board members Matt Peart, Dustin Ramsier, John Redick and Scott Stoller. Each board member shares a genuine concern for the protection and conservation of our local soil & water resources.



Thank You Fred Myers!



Congratulations! Fred Myers was presented with a plaque at the Annual Meeting thanking him for his 24 years of service as a Wayne SWCD board supervisor. Fred's years of dedication to conservation and his thoughtfulness as well as great sense of humor will be missed. Don't be fooled, even though Fred is "retired" we know Fred will be busy on the farm and with all the grandkids! Fred, we wish you the very best! So, looking back, the year was 1993 when Fred started as a Supervisor. Do you remember? A gallon of gas cost \$1.11, a gallon of milk was \$2.86, George H.W. Bush was ending his term and Bill Clinton was taking office.

Poster Contest

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 2018 Stewardship Theme is: "Watersheds - Our Water, Our Home." Posters must have this displayed as the title. **(Please note in 2018 the new size requirements - 14" x 22")** 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 4:30 pm April 27th.**



How can you help save the Pollinators?

Neonicotinoids are a common class of insecticides derived from nicotine. Unlike the majority of older pesticides, neonicotinoids are systemic, which means they can permeate every part of the plant, including its pollen and nectar. It may remain in a plant many weeks after treatment. Honey bees exposed to neonics are less able to fly, forage and fight off disease than unexposed bees. In the United States, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services has banned neonic use on national wildlife refuges, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the safety of five neonics. To avoid neonics – found in hundreds of products, including sprays, granules, tree injections and soil drenches (pesticides applied to the base of plants) – carefully read labels. Steer clear of products that contain imidacloprid, acetamiprid, dinotefuran, clothianidin or thiamethoxam.



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Cover Crop Termination Tips

Cover crops are beneficial in reducing soil erosion and compaction, building organic matter, and adding crop diversity into the operation. The most used cover crops are winter/cereal rye, annual ryegrass and a cocktail mixture of legume, non-legume, and brassica plants. For those cover crops that over winter and resume growth in the spring, such as cereal rye and annual ryegrass, they will need to be terminated before planting. There are three methods to terminate cover crops: rolling/crimpling, tillage, and chemical treatment. The desired terminate method should be based on goals and spring weather conditions.

The challenge of chemically terminating cover crops depends on spring weather conditions. The issue is that the primary herbicides used to terminate annual ryegrass, especially glyphosate, require warm temperatures, ideally 60 degrees F or warmer, but several days of 50 degree temps can suffice, to effectively translocate within the plant. Sunny days are better than cloudy days to make the application. Growers who take a forage



The I&J front mounted Cover- Crop roller from Linndale Equipment : one example of terminating a crop.

harvest of annual ryegrass from the spring growth and then terminate the regrowth report more successful annual ryegrass termination. Always look at the herbicide labels for directions and any restrictions for the subsequent crop.

When using the rolling or crimpling method, it should be done once the plant is in reproductive growth and has a seed head. Cover crops can be terminated before or after planting. A cover crop mix makes efficient control more complicated since the species can be at different growth stages, at the same time.

Tillage is an option but may fit better into some operations than others. Multiple tillage passes may be necessary to terminate the cover crop, which can negate the benefits the cover crop is providing to soil health and could result in erosion. Some species, like clovers, will be more difficult to manage with tillage alone.

Worth Noting



We will not be having a tree sale due to the lower than normal response this past year. However, we plan to bring back the tree sale in 2019!

Conservation
Stewardship Program
(CSP) ends 3/2/18.

2017 Plat Books are still available in our office for \$25.00.

Free Pond Clinic—March 28th

Pondering your Pond's Health? Come learn more at this educational event and learn about pond management, pond design, fish stocking, water quality issues, and vegetation growth among other topics. Mark the evening of Wednesday March 28th at 6:30pm on your calendar and plan on bringing some questions. This will be an informal question and answer session held indoors, with a very knowledgeable speaker, Mr. Steve Fender. Steve has published the book, Farm Pond Management: A Common Sense Guide, and it will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be provided. Even if you don't own a pond, but love to fish, or if you don't own a pond, but are thinking of building one, this program is for you also! The program will be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in the Armstrong Building, 199 Vanover St. Wooster, Ohio. Please RSVP to Wayne SWCD. Last minute attendees are welcome! We will have information available to order fish to stock your ponds, Please call Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 or find us on online www.wayneswcd.org, Facebook, or Twitter.



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Wayne SWCD Annual FISH Sale



The Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District is accepting 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.

Fish order deadline is **Friday, April 6th**. **Pickup is THURSDAY, April 12th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Wayne Co. 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, please contact our office at 330-262-2836. Send order to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691.

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Return this section with payment by April 12th

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Species	Size	Price	Qty	Total
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 gal)	_____

TOTAL DUE -----

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