



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne SWCD

330-263-5376

75th Annual Meeting



The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) celebrated 75 years of assisting area landowners with their conservation efforts recently during their annual meeting and Supervisor election held on November 3, 2022 at The Connection in Wooster, Ohio with a total of 115 guests.

Established in 1947, countless property owners, farmers, businesses, agencies, and citizens have benefitted from the advice, direction, and expertise of Wayne SWCD staff throughout the years.

“The Wayne County Commissioners extend sincere appreciation, gratitude, and congratulations to the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District for 75 years of hard work, dedication, and service to Wayne County.” County Commissioner Ron Amstutz said during a proclamation presentation to the Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors.



Dates to Remember:

- 01/10 Board Mtg 8:30am
- 01/16 Martin Luther King Day
- 02/14 Board Mtg 8:30am
- 02/20 Presidents Day
- 03/10 Tree Sale deadline
- 03/14 Board Mtg 8:30am
- 03/31 Fish Sale deadline
- 04/11 Board Mtg 7:45am
- 04/11 Fish Pickup 9-10am
- 04/13 Tree Pickup 12-4:30p
- 04/23 Poster deadline



The evening started with local historian Paul Locher emceeding a guessing game of antique farming-related implements and describing their uses.

Kelly Riley, Wayne SWCD Education Specialist, presented retired Chippewa High School teacher Dave Parfitt the **Conservation Educator of the Year award**. Parfitt was honored for his project that began in 1973, when he and his students successfully transformed a three-acre cow pasture into an outdoor science lab now known as Parfitt’s Paradise. Students and community members continue to benefit from what has now become a beautiful and mature forest setting.



“I am very gratified that students can still come down to it and learn about nature,” Parfitt said. “I come down here many times and run into former students and meet their kids. It is really a joy.”

Although he is 81 years old, Parfitt still enjoys serving as the unofficial caretaker of the wildlife area of Parfitt’s Paradise.



Dave Parfitt and family with his award.

Happy New Year



Image by rawpixel.com

Inside this issue:

Annual Meeting (cont)	2
SWCD Road Signs	2
Election Results	2
Fair Contest Winner	2
Save the Dates!	2
Big Tree Contest	3
Fish Sale Form	3
Poster Contest	4
Tree Sale info	4

Thank You Open House Donors

The following businesses donated to defray the costs of the Annual Meeting & Election: [Apple Creek Banking Company](#), [Farmers National Bank](#); [Gerber Feed](#), [Lowe & Young](#), Don Steiner Excavating, [Tyler Grain](#), [Wayne Savings](#). Also, local door prize donations from: [Beef O’ Bradys](#), [Certified Angus Beef](#), [Cinemark Theatre](#), [Farmers National Bank](#), [Guerne Heights Drive-In](#), [Kristin-ArtPets.com](#), [Local Roots](#), [Muddy’s](#), [Salsaraja](#) & [Spoon Market](#)... THANK YOU for your support!

Get the Newsletter E-mailed!
You’ll get to click on lots of great hyperlinks! Like WAYNESWCD.ORG



75th Annual Meeting (continued)

Matt Peart, Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors, presented the **Conservation Farm Award** to Shane and Suzanne Hartzler of Crossroads Dairy, a 200-acre organic farming operation in Milton Township, for their ongoing conservation practices. They are a 6th Generation family farm headquartered around a bank barn built in 1849, at the crossroads of Benner and Steiner Roads in Milton Township.



The dairy was transitioned to organic from 2004-2007 and Crossroads Dairy now produces milk for Organic Valley, appreciating in particular their focus on quality. They currently milk 70 cows twice a day in a “double-13” parlor that took their milking time down from 3-1/2 hours to 45 minutes.



“They have transitioned to organic milk production, and they use a number of practices that are vital to conservation,” said Matt Peart. “I think if you talk to them, they will say they aren’t doing this for themselves; we are doing it for our children.”

The Hartzler’s do an incredible job of striking a balance between the profession of farming and the passion of conservation, keeping an eye on both today and tomorrow. Sometimes it’s simply a matter of doing what’s right by the land, your family, your neighbor and the planet.



Have you seen our sign?

You might have noticed... Driving the beautiful countryside of Wayne County, there are a few new signs along some special county roads! Yes... Conservation Guided By: Wayne SWCD! That’s us! We are happy and proud to serve you, and we want to let everyone know it. Enjoy!

Supervisor Election Results

Results from the election were announced at the conclusion of the evening on November 4th at the Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet. In the fall of 2022 Wayne SWCD sought to elect two (2) supervisors to fill the expiring terms of Scott Stoller and Dustin Ramsier. Both candidates ran unopposed. Stoller has served on the board since 2012 and Ramsier since 2017. The Wayne SWCD is governed by five board members that are elected from the populous of Wayne County. Each board member serves a 3 year term as public officials and serve without pay. Thank you, Scott and Dustin!



Wayne County Fair Contest Winner

Going Back in TIME, with our Celebration of History, was our guessing contest of Lincoln Logs at the Wayne County Fair. Winning guess of **275** was won by Charles Klenovich of Dayton, Ohio. He won it by way of the tie- breaker! Charles says he loves to come back to Wayne County where he grew up and visit the wonderful fair! Thanks to everyone that visited and we look forward to seeing folks from all over stop by our building during the fair. Find out all past winners of our contest on our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/fair-barn-contest>



Save the DATES! Septic Seminar & Soil Health Series

Please save the date of **Thursday, February 16th** at 6 pm for a presentation by the **Wayne County Health Department** on everything you ever wanted to know about your septic system. The presentation will be in-person at the Wayne County Administration Building with a virtual option for those who would like to watch it from home. **ALSO COMING...** Want to learn more about cover-crops, what works, meet others and share the good and bad from experience? We are planning a four County partnership Soil Health Series! Meetings will be in Wayne, Holmes, Tuscarawas and Coshocton Counties! Stay tuned for program details and dates...

Big Tree Contest in 2023

We decorate them, heat our homes with the wood from them, frame barns and houses with them, birds and animals seek shelter in them, and now it's time to start searching them! What are they? Oh yes, TREES! Not just any tree, the wonderful Eastern White Pine! We are looking for the LARGEST white pine here in Wayne County! So, keep your eyes open...be on the lookout, and get that tape measure ready! We decided on the Eastern White Pine for a few reasons...first to give everyone a good head start. As a Conifer, the EWP tree



Image by rawpixel.com

keeps their needles all year long (also known as evergreen trees). However; Cedar, Spruce, Fir, Cypress, Hemlock and Pine are all evergreen conifers, so please make sure you [know you have an Eastern White Pine](#). One sure telltale sign of the EWP is the needles – they have clusters of five, and the pine needles are bundles together at the base of the cluster. Spruce and Fir needles grow individually on the branch. Another reason we picked the Pine, was to spotlight the latest troubles the trees have been dealing with, which is [White Pine Needle Damage](#) (WPND). Known as needle blight, it is a fungal disease that causes discoloration of needles and premature needle loss. WPND is favored by prolonged periods of wet weather in the spring. We want to educate everyone about this, as well as insects and other threats forests and trees are facing. **Big Tree nominations are due July 14th** and the forms and more information can be found at this link on our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/landowner-assistance/trees-forestry>. We hope you get out and look for that big, lovely white pine tree! Winning nominator will receive a \$25 gift card and the winning tree owner will receive a special plaque.

Fish Sale

2023 Wayne SWCD Annual Fish Sale

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. Fish options listed below. We will offer pond conditioner, 1 gallon & 5 gallon, and 40-pound bags of fish food. Please order ahead with these items as Fender's will only bring what we have ordered.

Fish order deadline: Fri., March 31 ~ Pickup: Tues., April 11th from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Wayne Co. Fairgrounds.

Orders must be picked up at the specified time. For pick up, bring enough container(s) to hold purchased fish (ex: 5-gallon bucket) with a plastic liner (ex: trash bag) filled 1/3 full with pond water. One container/bucket will hold: 100 small fish; or 1,000 minnows; (minnows are sold per 100) or 3-4 koi or amur with a liner large enough to be tied at the top with a twist tie or twine. Customers are invited to help with loading and unloading their containers into their vehicle at the delivery site- this will help expedite the delivery process.

If you have questions, contact our office 330-263-5376. Send orders with payment to Wayne SWCD, 428 W. Liberty St., Wooster, OH 44691.

Keep this section for reference

**Fender's reserves the right to make reasonable substitutions based on availability of species/ size*

--- Clip Here -----



Image by rawpixel.com

Species	Size	Item Price + 6.5% Sales Tax	Price	Qty	Total
Bass –Largemouth	2-3"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
Black Crappie	2-4"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
Bluegill	2-4"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
Bluegill –Hybrid	2-4"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
Channel Catfish	4-5"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
Japanese Koi	6-8"	\$14.08+ \$.92=	\$15.00	_____	_____
Minnow (sold per 100)	1-3"	\$8.45+ \$.55=	\$9.00	_____	_____
Perch	2-3"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
Red Ear Shellcracker	2-4"	\$1.13+ \$.07=	\$1.20	_____	_____
White Amur	8-10"	\$15.96+ \$1.04=	\$17.00	_____	_____
"Farm Pond Management-The Common-Sense Guide: Revised Edition" Book					
by Steve Fender		\$18.78+ \$1.22=	\$20.00	_____	_____
Natures Pond Conditioner		\$89.20+ \$5.80=	\$95.00	_____	1 Gal.
By Koenders		\$374.65+ \$24.35=	\$399.00	_____	5 Gal.
Optimal Fish Food 40# bag		\$47.89+ \$3.11=	\$51.00	_____	_____
TOTAL					\$ _____

Name

Address

City & Zip

Phone

E-Mail

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in all its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, marital and family status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Persons with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) should contact USDA's TARGET CENTER at 202-720-2600 (voice and TDD). To file a complaint of discrimination write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, 202-720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

2375 Benden Dr., Suite B, Wooster, OH (330-234-5372)

John Knapp, District Conservationist
Ray Rummell, Conservation Specialist
Scott Kenreich, Resource Conservationist

Wayne SWCD Staff

Cody Beale, Nutrient Management Specialist
Kathy Burley, Secretary
Stacey Hiller, Administrative Assistant
Rob Kastner, Water Management Engineer
John Lorson, District Program Administrator
Ricky Papay, Water Resources Specialist
Kelly Riley, Education Specialist

POSTER CONTEST: In 2023, the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Stewardship Week will be focused on watersheds and the theme of **"One Water."** But what is a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that channels rainfall and snowmelt to creeks, streams, and rivers, eventually leading to outflow points such as reservoirs, bays, and the ocean. Those bodies of water are all connected, so every drop that falls becomes part of *one* water. *Also visit <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/water-quality/watersheds> for local information on watersheds!*



The poster contest is for any student in Wayne county grades Kindergarten through 12. All ages are encouraged to use their imagination to express their creative & artistic skills to help instill in them an appreciation for the environment. Educating young people helps to ensure the next generation will be wise stewards of our natural resources.

Contest rules follow NACD guidelines. The theme **"One Water"** must be displayed as the title on each poster! **For more information go to the following link: www.nacdnet.org** - for more details click on the Conservation Education Hub tab and look for contests, or check out all the details on our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/poster-contest>. **NOTE: Any Educator can check out Kelly's list of free Education Programs on our website and also view all of the past issues of CONQUEST for teachers!**



TREE SALE: Please see the [Tree Order Form insert enclosed in the newsletter](#) to order. Please note: this year you can purchase a Scotch Pine seedling pack for \$10.00 to donate to local school students. Orders and payment must be received in our office by Friday, **March 10th**. Pick up will be **Thursday, April 13th between 12:00 – 4:30 pm at the Wayne County Fairgrounds.**

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

428 W. Liberty Street
Wooster, OH 44691
330-263-5376

<http://www.wayneswcd.org>

e-mail: info@wayneswcd.org

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage Paid
Permit No. 150

Board of Supervisors

Jeff Gochnauer, Chairman
Matt Peart, Secretary
Dustin Ramsier, Fiscal Agent
Scott Stoller, Vice Chairman
Randy Tegtmeier, Public Relations