



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



Annual Meeting November 7, 2019

Fall Issue 2019

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330-263-5376

~MENU~

Banquet Style

ham, chicken, roast beef
mashed potatoes
green beans
salad
home-made bread
assorted pies
beverage



The 72nd 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 7th**. The cost is \$15.00 for adults, children age 4-12 is \$10.00 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 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. If you are unable to attend that day to vote, you can cast your absentee ballot at the Wayne SWCD office beginning Oct. 17th through noon the day of election (Please read below for more details).

Important Dates:

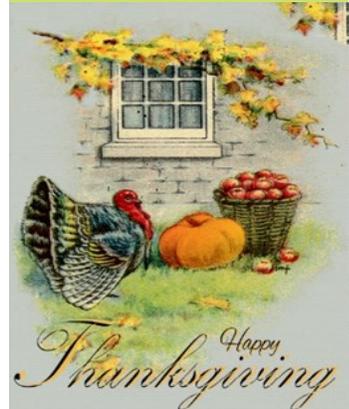
- 10/1—Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 11/5—Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 11/7—Annual Meeting
- 11/11—Veteran's Day
- 11/28—Thanksgiving (office closed thru 11/29)
- 12/10—Board Meeting 8:30
- 12/25—Christmas

We are very excited to announce our guest speaker Dr. Greg Wiles. Dr. Wiles is the Ross K. Shoolroy Chair of Natural Resources and professor of Earth Sciences at The College of Wooster. His primary research is in the fields of glacial geology and paleoclimatology, working in Ohio and Alaska. Dr. Wiles teaches Geomorphology, Climate Change, and Environmental Geology at the College. He has taught at Wooster for over 20 years.

Dr. Wiles will speak on the topic of tree-ring dating of historical structures in Ohio. Title: "Dating Ohio's History with Tree Rings"

The College of Wooster Tree Ring Lab has dated over 70 buildings from Ohio and surrounding states. Dr. Wiles will discuss how the Wooster lab dates buildings using tree-rings and some of the historical and environmental information gleaned from this work.

We will also be presenting the Conservation Farm Award and Conservation Education Award. Please see page 4 to RSVP.



Happy Thanksgiving

Supervisor Election & Absentee Ballots

Inside this issue:

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 Scott Stoller and Dustin Ramsier. The supervisors will be elected for a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2020. The candidates running for Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors are Scott Stoller, Dustin Ramsier and Greg Beckler. 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 17, 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. 7th). Absentee ballots submitted via mail must arrive at the Wayne SWCD office before November 7th.

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We would like to thank all of our customers for another successful tree and fish sale!



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Meet the Candidates:

SCOTT STOLLER



Scott lives in Milton Township. Between owning and renting, Scott and his family operate an 880 acre certified organic dairy farm growing corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, and alfalfa/grass pastures. They have 160 milking cows, 20 dry, 80 heifers and market all of their milk through Organic Valley. Conservation practices include: waterways, spring developments, 1400 ft. heavy use cattle access lane, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan, 250,000 gallon manure storage structure, livestock stream exclusion, woodland management, riparian buffers, and cover crops on all acres.

Scott is a member of the Apostolic Christian Church and the Wayne County Farm Bureau. He is on the board of directors of The Apostolic Christian Village and Organic Valley.

Scott is married to Charlene and they have eight children: Doyle & Naomi, Lynelle & Craig, Nelson & Jessica, Warren & Erika, Tobias, Clark, RoseMary, Melody, 10 grandchildren and 2 more due next March.



DUSTIN RAMSIER

Dustin lives in Milton Township. He farms 110 acres of corn and soybeans and also raises steers, 4H pigs and boar goats. Conservation practices used on the farm are continuous no-till, cover crops, grassed waterways, and a retired pen pack facility with CNMP. He is a Certified Crop Advisor and is currently a full time sales agronomist at Tyler's Grain & Fertilizer Company. Dustin earned the "4R Nutrient Management Specialist Certification" under the CCA program.

Dustin is a member of the Rittman Grace Brethren Church, Farm Bureau and the American Society of Agronomists.

Dustin is married to Rachael and they have three children, Brianna 9, Dillon 8 and Benjamin 5.



GREG BECKLER

Greg lives in Wooster Township. He farms 450 acres of corn, beans, wheat, hay and raises registered shorthorn seedstock and feeds 50-60 steers. Conservation practices include 90% no-till and the balance is minimum-till. Greg plants cover crops on as much acreage as the weather permits to reduce erosion, build organic matter and to cut back on herbicides and commercial fertilizers.



Greg is a member of Farm Bureau, Grace Church in Ashland and a 4-H Advisor/Volunteer.

Greg is married to Jennifer and they have 3 sons: Lane 16, Luke 14 and Aden 12.



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Milkweed Pod Collection

The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative is calling on Ohioans for another year of Milkweed pod collections! The project started in 2015 as a seven county pilot and since that time hundreds of Ohioans have worked together collecting thousands of pods across the state. Drop off your common milkweed pods at the Wayne SWCD office between Sept. 1—Oct. 31. 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/>

2019 County Fair Guessing Contest Winner

What the Hay? That was the name of our 2019 Educational theme and the name of the guessing contest at our fair barn this year. And it was a RECORD BREAKER! We had over 920 guesses...the most ever since we started this tradition of a guessing contest back in 2003. Ironically, in 2003 we



started the guessing contest with the same thing – the weight of a bale of hay. We would like to congratulate Jerry Frisch of North Fairfield, in Huron County on his winning guess of 709... he was the closest to the

actual weight of 713 pounds! Jerry actually won based on the tie-breaker question, he was closer to the actual date the **hay was baled – which was July 13th, 2019**. There was one other person that guessed within 4 pounds...so the tie-breaker question did make a difference! Jerry won the \$30 gift card to Bob Evans Restaurant. When we talked to Jerry we were happy to hear that Jerry and his wife had never been to the Wayne County Fair, until this year – and they had a wonderful time...and said they would definitely be back next year! We would like to thank everyone that stopped to take a guess & visited with us.



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Poster Contest Winners

We are excited to announce the County level winners of the 2019 Conservation Poster Contest. The contest was open to any Wayne County student in grades K-12. This year's theme was "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper." Winners for 1st place were Breann Thomas (grades K-1) Emma Kirkhart (grades 2-3) both from Hazel Harvey Elementary and Madi Underwood (grades 4-6) Angela Miller (grades 7-9) both from Central Christian. 2nd place winners were Corey Warner (grades 4-6) from Hazel Harvey and Isabella Galbraith (grades 7-9) from Central Christian. Each local winner received a cash prize and certificate. 1st place winners were advanced to the State level for judging. The District is proud to sponsor this contest for our youth to promote an environmental awareness of the value of conservation. The posters were displayed at the fair in the Wayne SWCD/STW Recycling building.

NEWS FLASH! The 2020 NACD Conservation Theme has been posted - anyone interested can find more information on their website. The 2020 theme will be "Where would we BEE without Pollinators?" FMI and a list of great educational resources please visit the website at <http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship>.



EQIP Signup

Agricultural producers are encouraged to sign up for the EQIP program beginning October 1st if they have conservation practices they want to install on their farms. EQIP provides technical and financial assistance to help implement conservation practices on cropland, pasture, and forestland. Practices include grassed waterways, cover crops, conservation tillage, waste storage facilities, livestock waterers, heavy use pads, grapevine control, tree plantings, and more. Several initiatives will be offered again this year for organic and specialty crop producers who provide produce to the local markets. For more information or an application contact John Knapp at 330-262-2836 in the new NRCS location at 2375 Benden Drive, Suite B, Wooster.

Why Are Cover Crops So Important?



By slowing erosion and runoff, cover crops reduce pollution caused by sediments, nutrients and agricultural chemicals. By taking up excess soil nitrogen, cover crops prevent nitrate (N) leaching to ground water. They also provide habitat for wildlife! Not only will water quality thank you, but your soil will too. Cover crops have helped improve soil health by keeping soil in place, reduce crusting and protects against erosion. They manage your soil and helps build up soil fertility/quality and encourages biodiversity.

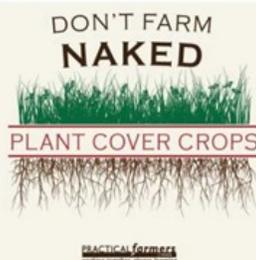
Below are some examples of cover crops that have been recognized to be successful:

- **Rye:** Also known as winter rye or cereal rye, this cover crop is often used to loosen compact soil and suppress weeds.
- **Buckwheat:** Fast-growing buckwheat helps prevent erosion and suppress weeds.
- **Clover:** Clover is great for fixing nitrogen in the soil and adding fertility.
- **Sorghum:** This hybrid cover crop grows quickly, adds biomass, and suppresses weeds.
- **Hairy vetch:** Vetch adds nitrogen and is a good overwinter crop for northern climates.

REMINDER: MWCD Cover Crop
Grant \$\$\$

NOVEMBER 1, 2019

is the Seeding Deadline



NO-TILL DRILL RENTAL

\$11.00 per acre

10' Drill—\$88 minimum delivery

15" Drill—\$165 minimum delivery

Call Luke Nussbaum 330-464-9563

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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 25, 2019**.

Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

The Barn Restaurant, Smithville, Ohio, November 7, 2019 - 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 25, 2019**

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