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“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

**Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District**

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Annual Meeting Ticket Order Form

We hope everyone enjoyed the Wayne County Fair and got a chance to visit our fair building. It's time to look forward to our 66th Annual Meeting.

This year the meeting will be held at Northwestern High School, 7571 N Elyria Rd., West Salem. The banquet will begin at 7:15 p.m. on **Thursday, November 14th**. The meal will be cafeteria style and consist of Swiss Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast, baked potato, green beans, salad, rolls, beverage and pie for \$12.00. Children age 6-12 will be \$10.00 and under age 6 will be free.

There will be an election of two supervisors for the Wayne SWCD Board. Voting will take place before the banquet from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Fred Cannon from Wayne County and former Wayne County Commissioner will be the speaker. His topic will be "I Never Met a Barn I Did Not Like." He will share his experiences and knowledge gained in

the renovation of timber frame barns and other wooden structures.

Several awards will be presented, including the Conservation Farm Award and Education Award. If you plan on attending the Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet, you may purchase your tickets from any member of the Wayne SWCD staff or from any of the salesmen listed.

You can also make a reservation by sending in the form on page 4 with a check before November 4th.

Be sure to join us to celebrate 66 years of Conservation in Wayne County.

Jonathan Berger  
Terry Ewing  
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Matt Peart

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## SWCD Election

Again this year, county residents attending our annual meeting will find the voting process for SWCD board members to be very similar to voting in the general election.

Upon arrival at our annual meeting, attendees will immediately be directed to the election registration table where election officials will find your name in the election registry. Voters will sign next to their name to verify your eligibility, be given a ballot and proceed to a nearby voting booth, where they will mark their ballot and deposit it in the ballot box.

This year's banquet begins at 7:15 PM but registration and voting will begin at 6:30 pm. County residents and landowners have two other options for voting for SWCD board members. They may call or

stop by the district office to request an absentee ballot on or after October 24th or cast their vote at the district office on the day of the annual meeting between 8 AM and 4 PM.

If you would like more information about the election or have questions about the proceedings, please contact our office at 330-262-2836.

### Calendar

October 8 - **Wayne SWCD Board Meeting**  
October 12-13 - **Wayne County Farm Tour**  
November 14 - **Annual SWCD Banquet & Meeting**

### Reminder .....

**No-Till Drills available for rent** - Call the office for details.



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Ellie Hanshaw

## State Poster Contest Winner

Wayne County had one student who took honors at the State Conservation Poster Contest. Ellie Hanshaw's poster was selected at the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Summer Supervisors School. The SS School was held July 21nd-23th in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Ellie Hanshaw, placed 1st in the K-1st grade category. She is a student at Northwestern Elementary in West Salem.

Her first place poster will go on to the National Association of Conservation District's contest which will take place the end of January 2014. Congratulations to our Wayne County winner!

## 2013 Ag Plastic Guessing Contest Winner at Wayne County Fair

Once again, we were blessed with another great week during the Wayne County Fair. Of course, if you were lucky enough to get out and enjoy the fair, you might have been one of the many visitors we had go through our fair building. For the past ten years, we have held a "guessing contest" for anyone that wants to try their luck. Well, this year the contest was to guess how many pounds of ag plastic film was in the large white "Super Sack" in front of the building. The plastic was recycled from a local producer's farm. This was an example of white bale wrap that can be recycled through the newly launched Ag Plastic Recycling Program that currently involves 9 Ohio counties. Winning the \$30 gift card to Bob Evans Restaurant this year was **Erich Ross** of Wadsworth, Ohio.



**Erich had the closest guess to the correct number of pounds of the ag plastic, which was 323 pounds.** He guessed 324 – just 1 over the real amount. The guessing contest always has a tie-breaker question...just in case we have to use it to determine the actual winner.

The tie-breaker question was: "When you recycle 2,000lbs of paper, about how many trees do you save?" The correct answer was 17 trees. We had over 550 guesses this year, and appreciate everyone that tried the contest and stopped by to visit. If there was something you wanted to ask about, or forgot, please don't hesitate to give us a call or e-mail. If you missed out this year, be sure to try your luck and stop by next year during the wonderful Wayne County Fair! It truly is one of the best in the State!

### THANK YOU!

Special thanks to the Town & Country Co-op's of Loudonville, Sullivan, West Salem, Smithville and Sterling, and to the Kidron Livestock Auction for being DROP-OFF locations in our Ag Plastic Recycling Program. We truly could not do this program or provide this service without these locations help and support! We appreciate them! FMI please visit <http://www.wayneswcd.org/agplasticrecycling.html>

## Ohio Livestock Coalition Presents Awards

Congratulations to the Shoup Brothers Farm in Smithville for receiving the Swine Environmental Stewardship Award. The Shoup Brothers Farm is an eighth generation farm that raises hogs and grows corn, soybeans and wheat. Conservation projects include: Developing a comprehensive nutrient management plan, properly managing and applying manure to the land, using reduced and strip tillage practices for crop production to protect soil, and installing grass waterways and buffer strips to reduce erosion and further protect the environment. In addition, the farm

works with local farmers and organizations, including the Sugarcreek Watershed Partner to regularly test and monitor streams for nutrient runoff.



# Corn Silage Harvest is Upon Us, and with it Comes Great Responsibility

by Duane Wood

One ton of corn silage has the potential to produce 7.5 gallons of silage leachate.

A Michigan State University publication states; “Silage leachate is an organic liquid that is formed when water, or in some cases pressure from the structure, comes in contact with silage and runs off. Leachate can be formed as a part of silage storage, especially if the corn or alfalfa is harvested too wet. Water comes in contact with the silage because it is part of the silage. The other source of leachate is rain water coming in contact with silage and carrying nutrients with it. This leachate has a high biological oxygen demand, BOD. If silage leachate is allowed to reach surface water, oxygen in the water will be consumed so quickly that anything living in the water, including fish, could immediately be in peril. It is estimated that **one gallon of silage leachate can lower the oxygen content of 10,000 gallons of river water to such an extent that there is a chance for fish kill.** Leachate also can cause algal blooms that will further deplete the oxygen levels of surface water and it can also produce high levels of ammonia which will also cause fish kill.”

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, “Corn silage leachate has a high BOD value, ranging from 12,000 to 90,000 mg/L, approximately 200 times stronger than raw domestic sewage. A significant discharge of

leachate into a watercourse can remove so much oxygen that fish and other aquatic life die immediately.”

It is very important to keep silage leachate from reaching surface or ground water. Our office offers assistance with silage leachate management as a conservation practice. If you would like assistance with controlling silage leachate please call us at 330-262-2836.

For more information check out the following web sites:

<http://msue.anr.msu.edu/news/>

[silage leachate an environmental disaster](#)

<http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/pubs/MF2728.pdf>



## Waste Storage Facilities and Silage Leachate Containment

by John Knapp

Livestock producers are encouraged to begin planning now for conservation practices that need to be installed next year including waste storage facilities or silage leachate containment systems. Both of these practices require a lot of time and planning before construction can begin. Test holes should be completed this fall for storage facilities to determine the

type that is needed, either earthen, earthen with a liner, or concrete tank.

We have seen some cases lately where additional storage or an upgraded silage leachate system may have avoided problems with local streams. If you don't have a minimum of 5 months of waste storage, or are not sure where your silage drain is going, it is time to look at making improvements. Technical assistance is available from this office to design a system that works with your operation and financial assistance may be available through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

Signup for EQIP is going on now with a cutoff of November 15<sup>th</sup> for the next ranking period. Those applications that were not funded and deferred earlier year will automatically roll over into this current signup period. And unlike last year, it appears Wayne County will be eligible for additional livestock funds during this signup. Contact the District office for more information or to schedule a site visit.



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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 along with your check made out to **Wayne SWCD** by **November 4th**.

### Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

Northwestern High School, West Salem, Ohio, November 14, 2013 7:15 PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 Age 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10.00 Age 3-5 \_\_\_\_\_ @ Free

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to Wayne SWCD and **return before November 4th**.

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