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IMPORTANT DATES:

- ◆ Nov. 18th Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- ◆ Oct. 27th SWCD Absentee Voting Begins
- ◆ Oct. 28th Final day for EQIP sign up
- ◆ Oct. 31st Last day to bring in Milkweed Pods to SWCD office
- ◆ Nov. 8th Election Day
- ◆ Nov. 8th Board Mtg 8:00 pm
- ◆ Nov. 11th Veterans Day
- ◆ Nov. 17th Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting and Banquet & last day to Vote
- ◆ Nov. 24th Thanksgiving
- ◆ Dec. 13th Board Mtg. 10:00am



Annual Meeting November 17th

It's time to look forward to our 69th Annual Meeting and dinner. Again, the meeting will be held at Northwestern High School, 7571 N. Elyria Rd., West Salem. The meal will begin at 7:00 p.m. on **Thursday, November 17th**. Dinner will be cafeteria style and consist of Swiss Steak or Turkey with noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, beverage and pie for \$13.00. Children age 6-12 will be \$10.00 and under age 5 will be free.

There will be an election of two supervisors for the Wayne SWCD Board. Voting will take place before the banquet from 6:00—7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend that day to vote, you can cast your absentee ballot at the Wayne SWCD office prior to the day of election (Please read below for more details). Following voting and dinner, we will move into the auditorium for our traditional meeting when we will present several awards including the Conservation Farm Award and Conservation Education Award. We have opted to not have a speaker this year, as we will showcase our highlights of conservation work video and try to end the evening in a timely manner. Please see page 4 for reservations.

Supervisor Election & Absentee Ballots



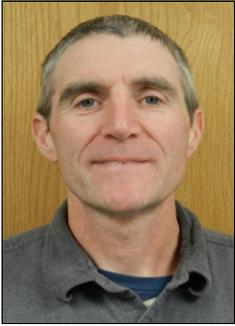
In accordance with Ch. 940 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission will cause an election to be held electing two (2) supervisors to fill the expiring terms of Parry Cochran and Scott Stoller. The supervisors will be elected for a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2017. The candidates running for Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors to be elected at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 17th are Parry Cochran, Scott Stoller and Dustin Ramsier. 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 cast your absentee ballot at the Wayne SWCD from 8 am to 4:30 pm weekdays, prior to the day of election, and from 8 am to noon on election day. Absentee ballots submitted via mail must arrive at the Wayne SWCD office before November 17th.

We are Collecting Milkweed Pods now till the end of October!



Wayne SWCD is pleased to partner with OPHI & a statewide program to help collect common or swamp milkweed seed pods. Collect the pods when they are dry and gray or brown in color and put them in a paper sack and bring them into our office by the end of October! Seeds will be used to establish new plantings and additional habitat for Monarch butterflies throughout Ohio. FMI visit wayneswcd.org/news&events.html

MEET THE CANDIDATES:



PARRY COCHRAN

Parry lives in Plain Township and farms 600 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat and hay. He raises custom dairy replacement heifers. Conservation practices installed on his farm are waterways, cover crops, feedlot runoff diversion system, forestry stewardship plan, improve woodlot,

fertilizer containment building, silage storage area and 95% no-till cropping.

Parry is a member of Grace Church, and is actively involved with his children's activities.

Parry and his wife Susie have three children Aaron, Andrew and Audrey.



DUSTIN RAMSIER

Dustin lives in Milton Township. He farms 110 acres of corn and soybeans. 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 fulltime sales agronomist at Tyler's Grain & Fertilizer Company. Dustin recently earned the "4R Nutrient Management Specialist Certification" under the CCA program.

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

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



SCOTT STOLLER

Scott lives in Milton Township. Between owning and renting, Scott and his family operate a 750 acre certified organic dairy farm growing corn, soybeans, wheat, rye, and alfalfa/grass pastures. They milk 160 Holsteins and market all of their milk

through Organic Valley. Scott has installed several conservation practices: waterways, spring developments, 1400 ft. heavy use cattle access lane, developed a 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. Scott is married to Charlene and they have eight children and 5 grandchildren.

Guessing Contest Winner

It has become a tradition to have a guessing contest each year at our fair building, and this year our contest was an attractant! Many guessers wanted to simply sample and eat the candy—Bit O'Honey! But unfortunately it was sealed! Luckily for one person, **Amber Morris** of Shreve, the number of pieces of candy she guessed was right on, and she also answered the tie-breaker question to win the \$30 gift card to Bob Evans Restaurant. She guessed correctly **135 pieces** and she knew that besides the Queen Bee, the other 2 social orders of honey bees were the Workers and Drones! With over 510 guesses during the fair, we hoped everyone had a fun time visiting us and learned about the importance of pollinators and how we can help them!



Poster Contest Winners



The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the county level winners of the 2016 Conservation Poster Contest. The contest was open to any Wayne County student in grades K-12. 1st and 2nd place winners were selected in four grade categories. This year's theme was "We All Need Trees." Winners for 1st place were Madilyn Underwood (grades K-1) and Sam Petit (grades 2-3) both from Hazel Harvey Elementary. Kyle Nussbaum (grades 4-6) and Audrey Murry (grades 7-9) both from Central Christian. Winners for 2nd place were Addison Unkefer (grades K-1) from Green Elementary, Danika Underwood (grades 2-3) from Hazel Harvey Elementary, Andre' Lehman (grades 4-6) and Rachel Troyer (grades 7-9) both from Central Christian. Each local winner was awarded a cash prize and certificate. The 1st place winners were advanced to the state level for judging. The District sponsors this contest to instill in youth an appreciation for the environment. The posters were displayed at the Wayne SWCD/STW Recycling building during the fair. It's not too late to be thinking about next year's contest! The theme is already out: For 2017 it's "**Healthy Soils are Full of Life**" - more information can be found



online at our website www.wayneswcd.org/postercontest.html or on the [NACD website](#), which also has wonderful resources online.

Leave the Leaves



Take a brake from the rake this fall! Did you know leaves increase fertility of your soil? As they decompose, the nutrients seep into your soil & the cover allows for greater water retention. Leaves provide cover for wildlife like frogs & salamanders. They rely on the fallen leaves for cover and nest material, and finally, leaves provide food with insects for birds and toads. So please leave some leaves!



EQIP Sign Up

EQIP has been one of the best programs to assist local producers with installing conservation practices on their land. The program was established to address resource concerns on cropland, pasture, forest, and headquarter areas. EQIP provides financial assistance for a variety of practices including nutrient management, cover crops, grassed waterways, no-till, livestock waste storage facilities, prescribed grazing systems, woodland invasive species control, seasonal high tunnels, and more.

Applications for the program are accepted on a continuous basis with the deadline for the next signup period **ending October 28th**. Approvals have become more difficult the past couple of years since we are competing statewide with many funds going to distressed watersheds. Potential applicants should work with the SWCD/NRCS staff this fall to develop conservation plans for the practices they want to install next year. Contact John Knapp, District Conservationist, at 330-262-2836 extension 101 for more information.

New Drop off site in Canton Opens

The City of Canton Recycle Center (located at 742 Schroyer Ave SW) is now a Household Hazardous Waste collection site for all District residents, including residents of Wayne County. Residents simply need to call **330-430-7869** to schedule an appointment to drop off their hazardous waste. Only residents can utilize the no cost HHW collection—no waste from businesses will be accepted.



Acceptable wastes include Flammable Liquids (gasoline, kerosene, mineral spirits, acetone, xylene, lighter fluid, oil-based paint, stain, Thomas Water Seal, varnishes, etc), Aerosols, Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides, Fungicides, Corrosive Liquids (naval jelly, muriatic acid, hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, toilet cleaners, sodium hydroxide, ammonia, Drano, caustic soda, 409 cleaner), Automotive Fluids (motor oil, antifreeze, hydraulic fluid, gear oil, fryer oil, etc), items that contain Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc), Batteries (Nickel Cadmium, Lithium or Lithium-ion, Alkaline, Sealed Lead Acid (gel cells), Lead Acid, etc), Propane Tanks, and Fluorescent Bulbs (tubes, compact, U-tubes, circular).

Please contact the Recycle Center or the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Solid Waste District at **1-800-678-9839** if you have any questions, or visit www.timetorecycle.

Protecting our Waterways from Pipeline Work

In September, our office attended the Water Quality Certification public comment meeting held by the Ohio EPA for the proposed ET Rover natural gas pipeline. The Ohio EPA is required to solicit for public comment, in addition to reviewing Rover's application for constructing the pipelines through waterways and wetland, before issuing a 401 water quality permit to allow this work to occur. The EPA indicated at the meeting that if they issue a permit, they do not have the personnel to do much, if any, inspection of the construction work.

Furthermore, the pipeline work planned by all three companies installing pipelines through Wayne County are exempt from the Ohio EPA Storm Water Construction Permit and the Wayne County Storm Water Management Regulations – the rules that outline practices that keep sediment in storm water runoff out of waterways (i.e. silt fence, sediment traps, etc.). Therefore, you will be the first line of defense in protecting the waterways and wetlands on your property during the pipeline construction. Excessive sediment can blind off habitat from fish and macroinvertebrates for many years following its discharge into the waterway.

If you observe sediment entering a waterway or wetland during construction feel free to contact our office and we in turn can relay this information onto the Ohio EPA. Other than the Environmental Inspectors hired by the pipeline companies, you will be the only person looking out for these environmentally sensitive areas not visible from the road.

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

NOVEMBER 4th
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 **November 4th**.

Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

Northwestern High School, West Salem, Ohio, November 17, 2016 - 7:00 PM

Voting Begins at 6:00 pm

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Adult Reservations _____ @ \$13.00 Age 6-12 _____ @\$10.00 Age 3-5 _____ @Free

Total \$ _____

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