



CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

63rd Annual Meeting

We hope everyone enjoyed the Wayne County Fair and got a chance to visit our fair building. It is now time to look forward to our 63rd Annual Meeting.

This year the meeting will be held at Memories Party and Conference Center at 2437-B Back Orrville Road, Wooster. The banquet will begin at 7:15 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 16th**. The meal will be ham loaf with sweet & sour sauce, green beans with carrots, scalloped potatoes, salad bar, rolls, beverage and ice cream for \$10.00.

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.

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 8th.

Be sure to join us to celebrate 63 years of Conservation in Wayne County.

The following are salesmen who have tickets for the banquet:

Jonathan Berger
Terry Ewing
Fred Galehouse
Steve Grimes
David Maurer
Tim Moomaw
Bill Moore
Fred Myers

Matt Peart
Nelson Ramsier
John Redick
David Rohrer
Robert Slicker
Randy Tegtmeier
Larry Wood
Tom Zimmerman

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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 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.



State Poster Contest Winners

Wayne County had three students who took honors at the State Conservation Poster Contest. They were awarded at the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation District's annual Summer Supervisors



Keeton Purvis



BJ Steiner

School. The SS School was held July 25th-27th at Salt Fork State Park.

Keeton Purvis, 3rd grader from Parkview Elementary, received 1st place in the 2-3rd grade category, BJ Steiner won 1st place in the 4th-6th grade category. He is in the 6th grade at Central Christian Middle School and Keene Purvis, 7th grader at Edgewood Middle School placed 2nd in the 7th-9th grade category.



Keene Purvis

The first place posters will go on to the National Association of Conservation District's contest which will take place in February of 2011. Congratulations!

Jerome and Muddy Fork Obstruction Removal Project Completed

There were nearly 34 linear miles of the Jerome and Muddy Forks of the Mohican River in Ashland and Wayne counties covered in the obstruction removal project. Eight hundred thirty deadfalls and logjams and nearly 11,000 "leaner's," trees in imminent danger of



toppling into the stream, were removed from the stream. The Ashland/Wayne SWCD Joint Board formed in 2006 to oversee the Jerome-Muddy Fork Obstruction Removal Project. Funding for

the project was through a Federal Grant in cooperation with the Ashland and Wayne County Commissioners and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The board will perform periodic inspections to continue to maintain the channel.

Contest Winner at Fair

The Wayne SWCD held a guessing contest at the fair. This year the contest was to guess how many acorns were in a jar. We'd like to thank all the visitors that came through the building and took a guess at the acorns. The acorn contest went well with our theme of "Healthy Habitats". With over 650 guesses, we only had 2 correct guesses. That meant the tie- breaker question would determine who won the \$30 gift card to Bob Evans

restaurant. The winner of this year's contest was **Sue Hoffman** of Creston. She correctly guessed there were 204 acorns in the jar, and she took a shot at the tie-breaker question. In case you missed it, the tie-breaker question was, "Name a state that has the **WHITE OAK TREE** as its official state tree. *Hint: there are 3*". I

hope you didn't say Ohio – we are the Buckeye state, of course! The three states that have the white oak as their state tree are Connecticut, Illinois, and Maryland. Keeping on with healthy habitats, for your home or for your farm, if you need information or are interested in improving your land, give us a call for some suggestions! If you missed us this year at the fair, be sure to stop by next year – we enjoy answering your questions and visiting with everyone!



Goodbye to Matt

Matt Lieser has accepted a position with ODNR, Div. of Mineral Resources Management in Cambridge as a Mineral Resources Inspector. Friday August 27 was his last day with Wayne SWCD. Matt started with the district in November 1993 as a District Technician and currently as our Engineering Technician. He has been a great asset to our office and the county. It is very hard to say "Goodbye" to such a close member of our SWCD family. He will be sadly missed. We wish him the best with his new venture.



Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

By Rob Kastner

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) has become a common phrase among those of us dealing with storm water on a regular basis, so common in fact, that we sometimes forget to define the term when sharing the significance of it with others. The term illicit is defined as illegal or unlawful. It follows that an illicit discharge is an illegal or unlawful discharge, in this case to a ditch, storm sewer pipe or catch basin, street gutter or Waters of the State. A Water of the State is any stream, river, pond, lake, drainage ditch or wetland.

An illicit discharge is any discharge that is not made up entirely of storm water. Examples of illicit discharges are sewage or septage flows, wash water flows, maintenance fluids such as oil and gasoline, swimming pool backwash or drain water with a chlorine concentration of greater than 1 ppm, etc. A sign that an illicit discharge may be occurring is the obser-

vation of water or other liquid in a ditch or discharging from a pipe during periods of dry weather, typically a period of 72 hours or more since the last rainfall event. A dry weather discharge is not always an illicit discharge as the source of the discharge may be a spring or other groundwater source, footer drain, pond overflow, etc. However, if the discharge has an odor, contains floatables or has color to it, there is a good chance that the discharge is something other than storm water or groundwater.

If you observe an illicit discharge in Wayne County, please call the Wayne County Emergency Management Agency at (330) 262-9817. If you have any questions regarding illicit discharges or their impacts on our local waterways, feel free to contact the Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District Office at (330) 262-2836.



Silage Leachate

By John Knapp

I have been on a number of dairy farms this past year that are having issues with silage leachate runoff. Many of these farms have older upright silos that were installed 25+ years ago or newer bunk silos that have runoff issues. Although generated in smaller quantities compared to other types of agricultural wastes, silage leachate represents a serious pollution problem. The leachate is a strong organic waste and represents a significant threat to surface water and groundwater due to high biological oxygen demand. When leachate enters surface water it can reduce the dissolved oxygen level and cause fish kills. As little as 1 gallon of leachate can lower the oxygen content of 10,000 gallons of surface water below the level required for the survival of fish.

Farmers need to plan and install practices to prevent the release of this pollutant. Silos should be located as far away from wells and surface water as practical.



Leachate collection and disposal can be accomplished by conveying the waste to a storage pond or tank. When mixed with manure, silage leachate can produce hydrogen sulfide and other poisonous gases so it should only be added to a holding pond or tank with adequate ventilation.

All manure and waste applications should be made in accordance with a nutrient management plan that balances crop nutrient needs and nutrient availability against your recent soil test values. Waste should be applied to cropland or hayland after harvest or before spring green up. The goal is to apply manure and other waste on the fields when it can be best utilized and with the least chance of runoff. Contact the district office if you need assistance with silage storage or have other manure management issues.

Calendar

September 30 - **District Land Judging Contest**

October 12 - **Wayne SWCD Board Meeting**

October 9-10 - **Wayne County Farm Tour**

November 16 - **Annual SWCD Banquet & Meeting**

Reminder

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

Natural Resources Conservation Service
John Knapp, District Conservationist
Jeff Lefever, Civil Engineering Technician
Jonathan Mauk, Soil Conservationist
Ray Rummell, Conservation Specialist

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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 8th**.

Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

Memories Conference and Party Center, November 16, 2010 7:15 PM

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

No. of Reservations _____ @ \$10.00

Total \$ _____

Make Checks payable to Wayne SWCD and **return before November 8th**.

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