

CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

Wayne SWCD

76th Annual Meeting—Breakfast STYLE!

FREE BREAKFAST!! YES! Now that we have your attention - please join us in celebrating 76 years of conservation at our **1st Annual Breakfast and Supervisor Election** (it's FREE!). The breakfast, will be held at The Connection – Conference and Event Center, located at 1034 Country Club Dr., Wooster, Thursday November 2nd from **7:00-9:30a.m.** The event will follow an **open house format** so stop by anytime to cast your vote for the Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors, then enjoy some coffee, scrambled eggs, gravy & biscuits, donuts and more while visiting with Wayne SWCD Supervisors and Staff! Introductions of Supervisors and staff will take place at 8:30a.m., along with the presentation of our Conservation Education and Conservation Farm award winners. We'll also be scrolling a video showcasing events, conservation projects and activities that our office has been involved in over the years!



We will require an RSVP for breakfast by Tuesday, October 17. Please RSVP by calling 330-263-5376 or by email wayneohswcd@gmail.com

*This is not at the Country Club! Please contact our office for more details if you do not have access to google/apple maps.



Supervisor Election and Absentee Voting: In accordance with Ch. 940 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Soil & Water Conservation Commission will cause an election to be held electing one (1) supervisor to fill the expiring term of Jeff Gochnauer. The supervisor will be elected for a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2024. The candidate running for the Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors is: Jeff Gochnauer.

Individuals who own or occupy land within the Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District and are 18 years of age or older may vote for Supervisor. There are three (3) ways an eligible voter can cast a ballot: 1) at the annual meeting breakfast on Thursday, November 2 from 7:00-9:30a.m. at The Connection – Conference and Event Center. 2) at the Wayne SWCD office during normal business hours, 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. beginning October 4 - November 1. or 3) voting absentee

October 4 - November 1, contact our office 330-263-5376 or email wayneohswcd@gmail.com to request ballot and voter eligibility form. Absentee ballots submitted via mail must arrive at the Wayne SWCD office by the end of the day November 1, 2023. Eligible voters must complete a ballot application in its entirety for validation.

The Details:

WHAT: Wayne SWCD Free Breakfast & Supervisor Election

WHEN: Thurs. Nov. 2nd 2023 7:00-9:30 am

WHERE: The Connection – Conference & Event Center, 1034 Country Club Dr., Wooster 44691

RSVP: By Oct. 17th to 330-263-5376 or email wayneohswcd@gmail.com

MENU: Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, yogurt parfait, bagels & pastries plus beverages . *menu subject to change

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Dates to Remember:

- 10/3 Board Meeting 8:30 am
- 10/9 Columbus Day
- 11/2 Annual Meeting
- 11/10 Veteran's Day (office closed)
- 11/23-24 Thanksgiving (office closed)
- 12/12 Board Meeting 8:30am



Elizabeth Morales

*Milkweed Seed
Pod collection:
Ends Oct. 31st*

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John Taylor Redick—named to Supervisor’s Hall of Fame



John Redick was a lifelong farmer and a tireless volunteer. As a partner in JCB Redick Farms he worked 1,500 acres in western Wayne County growing corn, soybeans, wheat, grass hay, pasture; finishing beef cattle and keeping a 20 head herd of Angus cows as well as custom planting and harvesting. John employed many conservation practices on his land including strip till corn, vertical tillage with residue management and abundant use of grassed waterways.

While serving nine terms on the Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors, John was instrumental in many projects including addressing log jams on the Jerome & Muddy Forks of the Mohican River, an effort that involved forming a Joint Board with Ashland SWCD. John was always quick to step up and help with Wayne’s annual tree sale and nearly anything else that needed to be done, including providing a home for the district’s no-till drills at his place.

His efforts for Wayne SWCD were just part of the community service picture for John, who also served as Captain of New Pittsburgh Fire and Rescue, an organization he served for 38 years. All of this in addition to lovingly raising two children, Sarah and Chatfield alongside his wife, Karen.

John retired from the Wayne SWDC Board of Supervisors with the close of 2021, having spent 27 years in service to the mission of soil and water conservation. Just six days later he passed away at the age of 60.

For a lifetime of service to his community and his exemplary role in bringing conservation to the land, John Redick was inducted into the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Supervisors Hall of Fame during the group’s 2023 Annual Conference. His wife Karen and daughter Sarah accepted the award on his behalf during the ceremony in Columbus.



Jeff Gochnauer—Meet the Candidate

Jeff Gochnauer lives in Green Twp. and farms 720 acres of corn, soybeans and wheat. He raises wean to finish hogs. Conservation practices used on the farm include 100 percent no-till, cover crops, planting green, grass buffer strips, grass waterways, soil testing and CNMP. Jeff is a member of Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Wayne County and the Farm Bureau. Jeff and his wife, Sherri, have four children: Miriam, Noah, Emma and Raven. Jeff has served on the board since January 2018. He has had the position of Public Relations and Chairman during his time served.



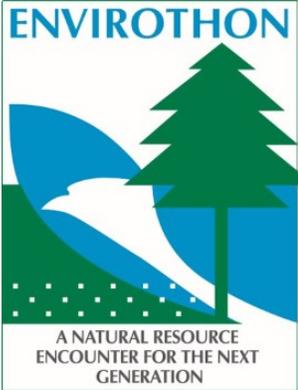
Big Tree Contest Winner - Next Year—White OAK



The winning Pine at Parfitt’s Paradise

We are pleased to announce the winner of our BIG TREE CONTEST—for the Eastern White Pine, with a score of 263.35. The tree was nominated by Dave Parfitt, and is owned by Chippewa Local Schools. The tree was actually planted by Dave himself 50 years ago when he was the Chippewa HS Science Teacher and lead students there to create the present day area and site of Parfitt’s Paradise, an Outdoor Science Lab. The impressive Pine Tree had an estimated circumference of 117 ½ inches, height of 71 ft and average crown spread of 14.75. We would like to thank all of the entries in our contest and people that took the time to recognize the importance and value of their magnificent and long-lived trees. With all of the environmental concerns and hazards, it is a wonder to see these impressive giants thriving and we want to recognize our living treasures. From fires, droughts, insects, winds, farming, logging, and urban expansion, trees are under attack. Because we care so much and want to recognize the value of these trees we are continuing the BIG TREE CONTEST next year. In 2024 we will be searching for the largest WHITE OAK TREE in Wayne County! Learn more about it on our website at and also more about White Oak Trees in this link... <https://growitbuildit.com/complete-guide-to-white-oak-trees-what-you-need-to-know/>

ENVIROTHON is coming to town... 4.24.24



WHAT IS THE ENVIROTHON??? The Envirothon is a competitive, outdoor academic team event for high school students. A unique and enjoyable learning experience, the Envirothon is designed to stimulate, reinforce, and enhance interest in the environment and natural resources. Teams consist of 5 students, all from the same high school or home school team. An adult advisor must accompany the team, but is not permitted to assist the team during competition.

WHERE WILL IT BE? Wayne SWCD will host the Envirothon on April 24th, 2024 at the Kidron Community Center and Park. Over 17 NE Ohio Counties are included in our area, and we expect over 300 students to compete in the event. **HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?** In Ohio, the Envirothon is sponsored by the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD), in cooperation with the ODA Division

of Soil and Water Conservation. Natural resource and environmental specialists from many agencies, organizations, colleges, universities, park districts and businesses write the Envirothon tests and staff for the various testing stations. The Envirothon is financed by grants and donations from businesses and agencies. Without local and state support, this wonderful event wouldn't be possible. We are asking for donations and support, along with getting the word out to our local schools and students! **4-24-24.... Save the Date!** Check our website for more information at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education> or <https://envirothon.org/>

CHECK THIS OUT!

A new website called [OHIO RESOURCE CONNECTION...](https://www.ohioresourconnection.com/) at <https://www.ohioresourconnection.com/>

This site is a network of forestry and wildlife professionals. Landowners can find vendors who provide a variety of services including wetland construction and enhancement, invasive plant control, tree thinning, and planting.

Select the BEST!

And then ENTER...

The Wayne County Visitor's Bureau is having a Postcard Contest ...and looking for the Best Photo from Wayne County!

Check out all the Information online at <https://www.wccvb.com/blog/post-card-contest>

Storm Water Awareness Week—Oct 1-7

Storm Water Awareness (SWAW) week is a statewide effort to encourage people to know how rain water moves through infrastructure and our environment. Listed are just a few of the examples of things you can do to celebrate.

- Participate in community or neighborhood clean-ups.
- Plant native trees & plants.
- Keep storm drains clear of debris such as leaves & litter.
- Construct or maintain a rain garden.
- Mulch leaves on your grass to help soil conditions.
- Be committed to picking up pet waste.
- Fixing car leaks.

For more information on the 6th Annual SWAW and to "test yourself" go to franklinswcd.org/stormwater-week.



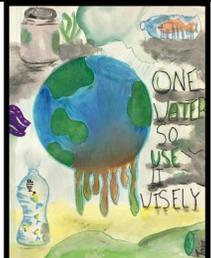
Poster Contest Winners

We are pleased to announce the county level winners of the 2023 Conservation Poster Contest. The contest was open to any Wayne County student in grades K-12. This year's theme was "ONE WATER." **The 1st place winner for grades 4-6 was Brailey Conkle and Madilyn Underwood took 1st place honors for grades 7-9.** Both of these talented students are from Chippewa Local.

Each winner was awarded a cash prize & certificate. **1st place winners for the district were advanced to the State level where Conkle's poster placed 2nd!** Posters were displayed in the SWCD/STW Recycling Building during the Wayne County Fair. The District sponsors this contest annually in an effort to use art to raise awareness in youth about the importance of caring for soil, water and other natural resources.



Madilyn Underwood



Brailey Conkle

The 2024 NACD Conservation Poster theme will be **"May the Forest Be With You."** Stay tuned for further details in our winter newsletter and visit our website—[Education & Poster Contest](#) for complete details. Entries due to our office by April 26, 2024.

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Monarchs Listed as Endangered—Milkweed Pod Collection

Drop off your common milkweed pods at our office Mon. thru Fri. 8am - 4:30 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 and grey/brown in color. Leave some pods on the plants so that seeds have a chance to naturally disperse. Store them in a paper bag and write the date and county collected on the bag. 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 you can refer to this website: [Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative](http://OhioPollinatorHabitatInitiative.org) or visit our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/landowner-assistance>



<p>Wayne County Fair Recycling</p> <p>A HUGE thank you goes out to everyone who was involved with the recycling at the fair. There is a lot of time and effort put forth to make the recycling program such a success!</p>  	<p>Reminder RSVP by 10/17</p> <p>WHAT: Wayne SWCD <u>Free</u> Breakfast & Supervisor Election</p> <p>WHEN: Thurs. Nov. 2nd 2023 7:00-9:30 am - come anytime!</p> <p>WHERE: The Connection – Conference & Event Center 1034 Country Club Dr., Wooster 44691</p> <p>RSVP: (by 10/17) 330-263-5376 or email wayneohswcd@gmail.com</p>	<p>Why Cover Crops?</p> <p>Cover crops reduce soil erosion, reduce nutrient leaching, store carbon, improve soil structure, increase water infiltration, reduce compaction, suppress weeds, enhance wildlife, and serve as a forage product.</p> <p>(Rafiq Islam, OSU Ext. Soil Scientist)</p> 
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