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CONSERVATION DISTRICT «««

Fall 2024



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»»» SUPERVISOR ELECTION & BREAKFAST by Stacey Hiller

We are excited to hold our annual supervisor election at the beautiful and historic Sonnenberg Village located in Kidron on Thursday, November 7th. We will offer a FREE light breakfast, along with self-guided tours of Sonnenberg Village. If you are planning on breakfast, we do require an RSVP.

Start your Thursday morning off by visiting us at 13497 Hackett Road in Kidron, anytime from 7:30 am until 9:30 am for supervisor voting and breakfast. You will also get the chance to visit the historic buildings from 8:00 am until 10:30 am, and a special treat, the Floyd R. Saurer Blacksmith Shop will be open and operating!

Awards will begin at 9:00 am. Contact us at 330-263-5376 or email shiller2@wayneohio.org to RSVP for breakfast by Monday, October 21st.

Get to know
Historical
Sonnenberg Village!
Come Visit us 11-7-24



Photo Credit: John Lorson

The Floyd R. Saurer Blacksmith Shop, built in 1906 remains the same as it was when it closed in 1967 in Kidron. This working shop will be open for us to enjoy!

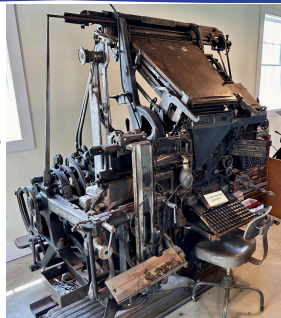


Photo Credit: John Lorson

Visit the newly renovated Moser Buggy House & Print Shop and you will discover the wonders of old machinery, print presses and the smell of ink.



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A view from the Gerber /Nussbaum Barn is well worth the drive down the lane. The bank barn was built in 1847. It is known in the trade as a “scribe rule barn”. It is beautiful!

MEET THE CANDIDATES



Matt Peart

Matt lives in Congress Twp. and farms 450 acres organically in Wayne and Summit County for the past 32 years. He grows corn, soybeans, spelt, hay and raises Angus cows. Conservation practices installed on the farms are filter strips, conservation tillage, contour strips and grass waterways.

Matt is Past-President of the Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts (OFSWCD) and a State Representative for the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).

Matt is also a Farm Bureau and Organic Crop Improvement Association member.



Randy Tegtmeier

Randy lives in Congress Twp. with his wife, Heather, and sons: Cody, Brock and Kade. He farms 1,000 acres of corn, soybeans, wheat, pumpkins and hay. Conservation practices installed are no till, crop rotation, strip cropping, grass waterways, cover crops and variable rate technology (VRT).

Randy is a certified crop advisor and independent seed salesman. He is also a member of the Farm Bureau, Ruritans and attends Mohican Church of the Brethren.

WAYNE SWCD SUPERVISOR ELECTION & ABSENTEE VOTING

by Stacey Hiller



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 Matthew Peart and Randy Tegtmeier. The supervisor(s) will be elected for a three (3) year term, beginning January 1, 2025. The candidates running for the Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors are: Matthew Peart and Randy Tegtmeier.

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 Supervisor Election and annual breakfast on Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 7:30-9:30a.m. at Sonnenberg Village, 13497 Hackett Rd., Apple Creek, OH 44606. 2) at the Wayne SWCD office during normal business hours, 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. beginning October 9 - November 6, 2024. or 3) voting absentee October 9 - November 6, 2024, 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 6, 2024. Eligible voters must complete a ballot application in its entirety for validation.

2025 TREE SALE INFO!!

We will begin accepting tree seedling orders January 2025!

Tree seedling options: Dawn Redwood, Douglas Fir, Norway Spruce, Scotch Pine, White Oak

Transplant options: White Cedar (Arborvitae), Eastern White Pine

Pre-packaged Trees: Edible Landscape Pack, Evergreen Transplant Pack, Nut Pack, Pollinator Pack, and Wildlife Pack

Remember to order early! Tree sizes, descriptions and prices will be in the Winter Newsletter!!





POSTER CONTEST

by Kathy Burley



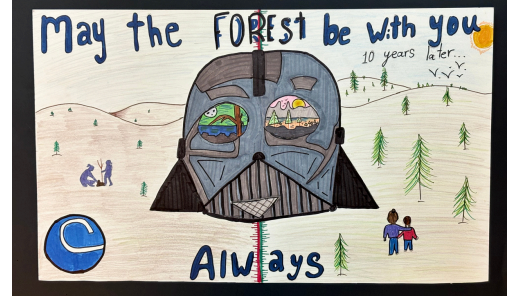
“May the Forest Be With You Always” was the theme for the National Association of Conservation District’s 2024 Poster Contest. **Local County 1st place winners** were from Chippewa Local School District. These posters went on to the State Poster Contest. Winners received a cash prize, certificate and posters were displayed at the Fair in the Wayne SWCD/STW Recycling Building. Wayne SWCD is proud to support our youth programs. The theme for the 2025 Poster Contest is “Home is Where the Habitat is.” This theme highlights the essential role of both natural and managed habitats in our conservation efforts. For more information visit our website at <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/education/poster-contest>



Caleb Schultz, K-1st Grade



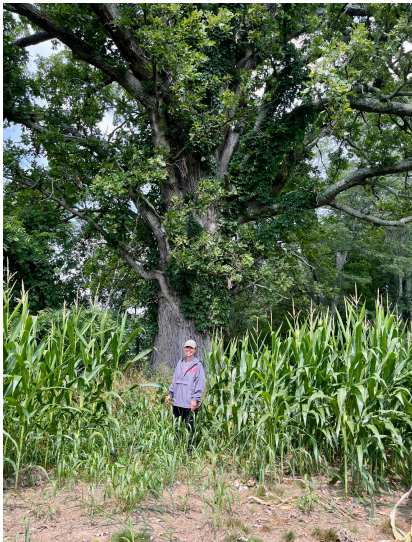
Brycie Bodager, 4th-6th Grade



Jill Luecke, 7th - 9th Grade

BIG TREE CONTEST

by Kelly Riley



Jody Payne stands by her Award Winning White Oak

We are pleased to announce the winner of the BIG TREE CONTEST for WHITE OAK in Wayne County goes to Mark and Jody Payne’s magnificent tree that scored 370 points! This beauty of a tree had a total circumference of 235 inches (19’7”) and was 110 feet tall! It was closely followed by a well-known and easily seen oak tree, owned by Parry and Susie Cochran that scored 353 points. Their tree can be viewed if you drive on Rt. 95 South (Blachleyville Rd). It also had a total circumference of 235 inches (19’7”) and measured 94 feet tall. We were thrilled to have 9 entries in our contest this year, and along with viewing and measuring these important trees, we were more than happy to meet the people belonging to the trees, and hear their stories and share their enthusiasm and passion for the trees and the environment. We want to thank all of the individuals for their entries so please come by our fair barn at the Wayne County Fair and check out the tree pictures. **Scan the QR CODE** to view all the results, and be looking for Shagbark Hickory Trees in 2025!



Cochran’s Mighty Oak Tree along side St. Rt 95



STORMWATER AWARENESS WEEK

by Rob Kastner



A torrential, summer downpour or a long soaking, spring rain can result in damaging runoff flows dragging sediment, nutrients, trash and other pollutants to our local waterways. Mark your calendars – Stormwater Awareness Week is the first week in October. Keep an eye out on our website, Facebook page and X for ways to reduce the amount of stormwater that runs off of your property and how to keep that runoff free of pollutants. Visit <https://www.ohiostormwaterweek.org/#/> for more details!

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»»» **NEWS IN NATURE**

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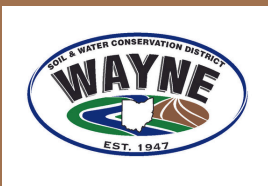
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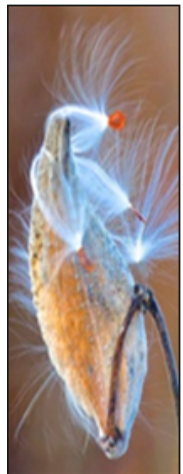
Located at:

**The County Administration Building
428 W. Liberty St./ Wooster, Oh 44691**



Milkweed Pod Collection

Drop off your common milkweed pods at our office between **Oct. 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 keep the pods in a cool, dry area until you drop them off. Thank you for your effort in helping the Monarchs! Want more information? Visit <https://www.wayneswcd.org/home/landowner-assistance>



**Leaves are not litter - they're food and shelter
for butterflies, beetles, bees, moths and more.
Pollinators need some of these leaves for
their winter shelter!**

Contact us to receive this Newsletter by E-MAIL! Then you will be able to click on all of the cool hyper-links!