



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

## Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District



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### Important Dates:

- Oct. 13—Wayne SWCD Board Meeting 8:00 PM
- Oct. 17— Litter Clean up in Chippewa Twp
- Nov. 10—Wayne SWCD Board Mtg 8:00 PM
- Nov. 11— Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 17— Wayne SWCD Annual Banquet and Meeting
- Nov. 26— Thanksgiving
- Dec. 8—Wayne SWCD Board Mtg 10:00AM

## 68th Annual Meeting—Nov. 17th!

Fall is upon us and it’s time to look forward to our 68th Annual Meeting. Again, 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 **Tuesday, November 17th**. The meal will be cafeteria style and consist of Swiss Steak or Stuffed Chicken Breast, au gratin potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls, beverage and pie for \$12.00. Children age 7-12 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.

Laura Kearns, Wildlife Biologist with the ODNR - Division of Wildlife, will be our featured guest speaker talking about Ohio’s Swans. Do you know how to tell the difference between a Mute Swan and a Trumpeter Swan? Which one is invasive? Part of Laura’s job is to focus on monitoring and research of wetland birds species such as swans, cranes, colonial water birds, and marsh birds. Come and learn the identification, life history, and population trends of 3 swan species. She will share updated information on the recovery of the Trumpeter Swan in Ohio, emphasize why control efforts of the non-native Mute Swan are necessary to ensure full recovery, and discuss the important role of wetlands for these species. Also during the evening, 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 sales person listed: Jonathan Berger, Parry Cochran, Terry Ewing, Steve Grimes, David Maurer, Bill Moore, Fred Myers, Matt Peart, John Redick, David Rohrer, Scott Stoller, Randy Tegtmeier, Larry Wood, and Tom Zimmerman. Reservations can also be made by sending in the form on page 4 before **Nov. 6th**.

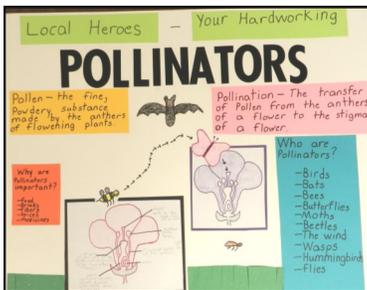


## SWCD Election

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. 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 27th or cast their vote at the district office on the day of the annual meeting between 8 AM and 4 PM. As of press time, the candidates on the ballot will be Aaron Arnold, Matt Peart and John Redick. If you would like more information about the election or have questions about the proceedings, please contact our office at 330-262-2836.

## Poster Contest Winners

Wayne County continued its tradition of award winning art—as two local students took top honors at the **STATE CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST** and three took second place. Winning 1st place was



Thomas Shondel's Winning Poster

Thomas Shondel (grades 2-3) and Amanda Laird (grades 7-9). Placing second was Ellie Hanshaw (grades 2-3), Adrienne Alger (grades 4-6) and Lia Neuenschwander (grades 7-9). Honorable mention was Amelia Knetzer (grades 4-6) whom received 1st place in the county level judging.



Amanda Laird's Winning Poster

These posters competed against posters from across the state and were submitted by their local SWCD. The winning posters will now go to the

**NATIONAL** Conference judging to be held in Reno, Nevada in February 2016. This program is part of the NACD—National Association of Conservation District's annual Poster Contest and Education Awareness campaign. Wayne SWCD is proud to be a part of this and supports our youth programs.

**NEWS FLASH!** The 2016 NACD Conservation Theme has been posted - anyone interested can find more information on their website. The 2016 theme is **"We all Need Trees"**. FMI and a list of great educational resources please visit the website at <http://www.nacdnet.org/stewardship>

## Fair Guessing Contest Winner



Congratulations go to Cathy Broome of Jeromesville, as she was the only person to correctly guess the correct number of (foam) butterflies in our guessing contest at our building during the Wayne County Fair. She was spot on guessing 293 butterflies, winning \$30 to Bob Evans Restaurant! The tie breaker question, (which wasn't needed) was: What year did scientists discover the location of the Monarch butterflies winter haven in Mexico— FYI— *the location is in the forest of the Sierra Madre Mountains?* That answer is 1975—yes, this is the 40 year anniversary! The guessing contest, which has been a tradition now for about 12 years was about butterflies and tied into our education about Monarch butterflies, migrations, pollinators and the importance of milkweed. FMI about buying milkweed, visit [www.plantmilkweed.org](http://www.plantmilkweed.org)

## Hot Dog, another Litter Clean Up!



We need you! Come help keep the streams in Wayne County clean and free of trash! Come join us and the kind students from Chippewa High School for a litter cleanup on Saturday, **October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 am**. Once again we will be picking up trash along the roads in Chippewa Township that drain to the Silver Creek. Meet at Chidester Mill at 17500 Galehouse Road near Doylestown. Vests, gloves, trash bags will be provided. **After the cleanup, hot dogs, burgers and snacks will be provided to the volunteers!** Please contact Rob Kastner at (330) 465-1329 or the SWCD office at 330-262-2836 so we can plan for your attendance or if you have any questions.



## Feeling Battered? Get a charge out of this...

**Battery Hogs:** We use batteries to power any number of household items: remote controls, cameras, flashlights and portable power tools, among others. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, each year Americans buy almost 3 billion dry-cell batteries to power these common household items. **The average American discards eight batteries each year.** And as we do with other items that we no longer need, it's tempting to just throw used batteries in the trash, but that would be a mistake. Inside a battery, heavy metals react with chemical electrolyte to generate power. The metals found in batteries include mercury, lead, cadmium and nickel.



**Environmental hazards of batteries:** If batteries are not recycled, these metals can pollute the environment. Depending on how batteries are discarded, the metals can be released into the air or remain behind in the ash created by incineration. Batteries that are disposed of in landfills can leach into the soil, contaminating groundwater supplies. This is especially true of automotive batteries, which contain lead and acid. Instead consumers are encouraged to separate batteries from the regular household trash and find a proper place to dispose of the batteries.

Here in lies the PROBLEM...*"a proper PLACE to dispose of them"* During the fair, this topic was very popular, and sadly it seems to do the right thing sometimes it is not always convenient or cost effective. Rechargeable batteries have reduced the amount of batteries that need to be recycled. But even so, the majority of batteries are single-use. Batteries can be divided into two broad categories: **dry-cell** and **wet-cell** batteries. The dry-cell type is used in most consumer electronics, and includes alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (namely 9-volt, D, C, AA and AAA) and lithium batteries (comprised of 9-volt, C, AA, button and rechargeable versions). Wet-cell batteries are typically found in cars, boats and motorcycles. Both types of batteries can be recycled.

**Again, the problem is where can you take them for recycling?** Sadly, in my research, it appears batteries are very hard to recycle. The easiest type that most places will take are the rechargeable batteries. Businesses like Best Buy, Lowes, Albright Welding and Wooster Fire Station will take rechargeable batteries and are in tied in with a program called Call2recycle ([www.call2recycle.org](http://www.call2recycle.org)). So, back to the regular batteries that most people have...Sadly, the only environmentally friendly option is to use an online program and pay for a recycling kit. Costs vary from \$20, \$35, to \$63 and up. Waste Management has a kit for \$20 you can check out [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com). The bottom line is, we still have a long way to go when it comes to making recycling convenient!

## We Welcome Kathy!



Please welcome Kathy Burley as our new part-time Secretary. She will be answering the phone, greeting customers in the office and assisting with Construction Application Permits. Kathy lives in Holmes County & enjoys spending time with her family, gardening and the great outdoors.

## Manure Management App

**Your fields are covered, ARE YOU?** Did you know there is a new app available for anyone that has a smart phone— a FREE service, this OHIO Nutrient Management Record Keeper is a wonderful new tool! Visit [www.ONMRK.com](http://www.ONMRK.com) to check it out. Also, for strategies for making livestock operations compatible with neighbors and the community, please contact Mark Duncan, our Nutrient Management 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, Oh 44691 along with your check made out to **Wayne SWCD** by **November 6th**.

### Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District Annual Meeting

Northwestern High School, West Salem, Ohio, November 17, 2015 - 7:15 PM

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

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

No. of Reservations \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$12.00 Age 7-12 \_\_\_\_\_ @\$10.00 Age 3-6 \_\_\_\_\_ @Free

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

Make Checks payable to Wayne SWCD and **return before November 6th**.

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