



# CONSERVATION TRAILS

“Follow the Trail of Natural Resource Conservation”

## Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District

### Supervisor Sworn In

Fred Myers of Dalton was sworn into office at the January 12th board meeting by Supervisor Matt Peart. Myers was re-elected to the board at the district’s annual meeting in November. He will serve a three year term. He joins incumbent board members David Maurer, Matt Peart, and John Redick in administering the Wayne SWCD’s natural resource conservation programs.



Fred Myers

The Ohio Federation of Soil and Water Conservation Districts was organized in 1943 to further the natural resource conservation mission of the state’s 88 county-based SWCD’s. As subdivisions of state government, soil and water conservation districts have legal authority to assist landowners with a wide range of soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation objectives. Another important goal is to provide information and education programs on natural resource conservation and management topics for county residents.

### Shale Drilling, Soil and Water

There has been at least one Marcellus or Utica horizontal well drilling pad installed in most counties surrounding Wayne County. We can be certain that well pads will be installed in our county in the near future. Conversations with surrounding counties indicate that drilling companies are doing a very good job of sediment and erosion control at their sites, many times implementing practices that are above and beyond what they are required to do. Which begs the questions, what are the sediment and erosion control requirements for horizontal well drilling pads and who enforces them?

ORC Section 1509 (modified in 2004) provides for uniform, statewide regulations on oil and gas well drilling. This code section gives the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management (ODNR-DMRM) exclusive authority to regulate the permitting, location and spacing of oil and gas wells in the state of Ohio and repeals all authority of local governments to regulate oil and gas exploration and operation. OAC 1501:9-1-07 says that wells constructed in urbanized areas (within a municipal corporation or a township with an unincorporated population of more than 5,000), must implement the sediment and erosion control measures outlined in the *Best Management Practices for Oil and Gas Well Site Construction* manual. However, all indications are

### Supervisor Resigns

David Rohrer, Orrville, has resigned from the Wayne SWCD Board of Supervisors. David was elected a supervisor in 1987. He has served as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary through his 25 years of service to the district. He also represented the district for many years as an Area director. He has attended many annual meetings, state OFSWCD annual meetings and summer supervisor schools along with Velda, his wife. Velda is a member of the Soil and Water Conservation District’s Auxiliary and helped out with many local and state functions. They both represented the district at the National Association of Conservation Districts Annual Meetings, the annual tree sales and county fair. David’s leadership and thoughtfulness helped the district successfully through many challenges. The board appreciates David’s twenty-five years of service and they commend him for his dedication. He will be greatly missed.



David Rohrer

that these practices are being put in place in non-urbanized areas as well. A recent conversation with the Wayne County lead inspector for ODNR-DMRM revealed that he was interested in working with our office in some capacity during the well pad plan review and site inspection phases. Regarding the gathering and transmission lines, our state office is currently looking into ways that county SWCD’s may be involved in the review and inspection practices of this work. If you have any concerns about sediment and erosion control practices at a well site or if there is evidence of sediment leaving the well site, please feel free to call our office and we will make sure that the proper agency/person is made aware of the situation.

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# K-12 Conservation Poster Contest

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring our annual poster contest for grades K-12. The 2012 stewardship theme is "**Soil to Spoon**". Cash awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the following categories: K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

All winners will be sent on to the State contest and also featured in the Wayne SWCD Fair Building September 8-13.

### Contest rules:

Any media may be used to create a flat or two-dimensional effect (paint, crayon, colored pencil, charcoal, stickers, paper or other materials on regular posters (no computer only special category))

- Poster size must be between 8.5" x 11" and 22" x 28".
- Posters should be packaged so they



- remain flat when sent for judging.
- All posters must be created by an individual student rather than a team of students.
- The 2012 Stewardship title "**Soil to Spoon**" must be on your poster. (Don't use any other title)
- Although younger students will most likely receive help in planning from parents or teachers, NACD encourages each student to do as much of the work as possible by him/herself. Entries completed by students in their handwriting and

coloring will score better than those designed, drawn and colored by adult assistance.

On the back of each poster, please print:

- Student's name
- Student's age
- School grade
- Student's home address
- Student's phone number with area code

- School's address and phone number with area code
- Teacher's name
- Conservation District (county in which school is located - **Wayne SWCD**).

Only one entry per student may be submitted.

### Evaluation criteria:

- 50% Conservation message
- 30% Visual effectiveness
- 10% Originality
- 10% Universal Appeal

Judges will also evaluate posters on the following criteria:

1. Has the theme been clearly addressed?
2. Does the work demonstrate an understanding of the subject matter?
3. Is the work neat, organized and grammatically correct?

Posters must be turned in to the Wayne SWCD office, 428 W. Liberty Street, Wooster by **4:00 p.m. on Friday April 27th**. Contact the Wayne SWCD at 330-262-2836 with questions concerning the contest.

## No-Till Drills and Planter For Rent

The Wayne SWCD has three no-till drills and a planter for rent. The no-till drills can also be used for late summer cover crops, or for double cropping soybeans after a small grain.

A 7' no-till drill can be rented and pulled with a tractor or accompanied with a ground driven hydraulic forecart for horse drawn compatibility. It has separate boxes for small grains and

legumes or grasses. It rents for \$11.00 an acre with a minimum of 6 acres. Also available are two larger no-till drills, 10' (8 acre min.) and 15' (15 acre min.), which rent for \$11 per acre and a three row horse drawn no-till corn planter (5 acre min.) for \$7.50 per acre. The equipment is for rent to the public in an effort to promote no-till planting in Wayne County. Please call the Wayne SWCD office at 330-262-2836 to be scheduled for this spring.

Applications are available in the SWCD office or online at <http://www.ohioforest.org/resource/resmgr/pdf/memorialscholarship.pdf> Applications must be returned to the Ohio Forestry Association by **April 15th**.

## Ohio Conservation Farm Family Award

Nomination forms are available in our office for the Ohio Farm Family Award or at <http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/21659/default.aspx>

The forms need to be sent to **Ohio Farmer** magazine by May 1, 2012

### Reminder:

**Tree pick-up - Wednesday, April 11th, 1:30 - 6:00pm, Wayne Co. Fairgrounds - Sheep Bldg.**

**Fish Sale Deadline - April 13th**

**Fish Sale Pickup - Tuesday, April 17th, 9:00 - 10:00 AM**  
Wayne Co. Fairgrounds,  
Vanover St. Entrance

### Calendar

- March 27 - Equine Program, Fairgrounds
- April 10 - Wayne SWCD Board Meeting
- April 11- **Tree Pickup/Fairgrounds/ Sheep Bldg 1:30 - 6:00 pm**
- April 13 - Deadline for Fish Orders
- April 17 - **Fish Pickup/Fairgrounds 9:00 - 10:00 am**
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 27 - Arbor Day
- April 29- May 6 - Soil & Water Stewardship Week

## Ohio Forestry Association Memorial Scholarship

The Ohio Forestry Association is offering a scholarship grant. To be eligible, the applicant must be an Ohio resident, U.S. citizen and high school graduate accepted for admission to an approved college or university, junior college, or technical college with a two-year minimum program. Current college students must provide evidence of satisfactory scholastic advancement.

# Promoting Buffers on the Banks of Chippewa Creek

The Chippewa Creek Watershed Project is a flood-control program that began in 1956 and was completed in 1980. It included the construction of 8 dams and encompasses 188 square miles (more than 120,000 acres). The watershed project was established to reduce the acreage prone to flooding and to decrease the time periods of inundation.

The Chippewa Subdistrict of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) was established in 1960 to efficiently and effectively manage the flood control system of the Chippewa Creek Watershed Project while encouraging the wise use of the watershed and its natural resources. The Subdistrict is responsible for maintenance of the 8 dams and 33 miles of channel.

The Chippewa Creek Subdistrict has made a decision to offer payments for the establishment of grassed filters or buffer strips within their maintenance easement where you may be farming. This action is a result of sediment delivery occurring along the main channels from cropland farming activities. Landowners may also participate in an additional funding op-

portunity on the same acreage if you are determined eligible by the USDA Farm Service Agency for converting cropland to the buffers or filter strips via the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Their program is determined on annual payments which are based on soil rental rates and on 10 or 15 years contracts with USDA.

The Medina Soil and Water Conservation District and the Wayne SWCD are cooperating in this effort to help make the project work for the Chippewa Subdistrict and the farmland owners and operators.

This is a voluntary program for those interested.

If you would like to explore this opportunity please contact Debbie Russell with the Chippewa Subdistrict of the MWCD at 330-769-2781.



## It's Maple Syrup Time!

Agriculture comes in many forms and recently a few of us from the SWCD office toured one that combines forestry and agriculture. Jim Badger on SR 301 near West Salem in a cooperative effort with his Amish neighbors recently built a maple sugar operation in his woods.



The operation uses a wood fired stainless steel evaporator. The day we visited the evaporator was in full boil with huge clouds of steam. If you're interested in buying "Wayne County made" real Maple Syrup you can find it at 8979

N. Elyria Road (SR 301 just north of Martin Road).

**Ohio Maple Facts** (Dr. Gary Graham, OSU State Extension Specialist, Natural Resources)

**4th Largest Producing State in the United States**

**Produce 100,000 Gallons Annually**

**5 Million Dollar Industry to Ohio's Economy**

**Approximately 900 Producers**

**Typical Production Information**

5-45 gallons of sap	1 gallon of syrup
Sugar content of sap	2% - 3%
Sugar content of syrup	66.5%
Number of taps per tree	1-3
Number of taps per gallon of syrup	3-4
20 gallons syrup	1 cord wood burned
1 gallon syrup	11 pounds
1 gallon of syrup	7 1/4 pounds of sugar

For more information go to: <http://maplesyrup.osu.edu/index.html>

## Conservation Reserve Program

The Farm Service Agency recently announced the sign up period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will be held from March 12 – April 6<sup>th</sup>. CRP is a voluntary program that helps agricultural producers use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term conservation covers to control soil erosion, improve water quality, and wildlife habitat.

This is an excellent program to sign up those fields that have erosion problems or are hard to farm due to odd

shapes or steep slopes. There is no minimum acreage to apply. Applicants can choose to enroll one field, one tract, or the whole farm. Landowners enrolled in the CRP program receive annual rental payments based on the soil type and cost-share assistance to establish a cover which is typically a grass/legume mix and/or trees and shrubs.

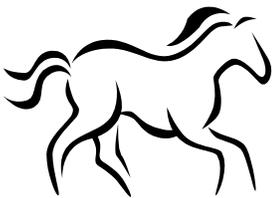
Land that is not currently enrolled in CRP can be offered during sign up if all eligibility requirements are met. CRP participants with contracts expiring this fall can make new contract offers during the sign up period. Contracts awarded during this general sign up will become effective October 1, 2012.

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## Equine Program

“Fencing and Facility Issues” is the headline for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Equine Open-



House sponsored by Nagy’s Collision Specialists. The free program will be Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> from

6:30pm – 9:00pm at the Wayne County fairgrounds in Wooster held at the Armstrong Building.

The featured speaker Tom Holmes, with the ODNR Ag Pollution Abatement Program will share his knowledge and insights about the care, costs and construc-

tion of all-weather paddocks for horses. Another topic will cover fencing options for equine owners. Norm Aguredakes, with Straight A’s Ranch Supply in Malvern, Ohio will also speak. He will not only bring examples of different types of fencing, but will go over the pros and cons of the different types, as well as discuss budget levels, maintenance concerns, also share the secrets and benefits of rotational grazing for horses. Sheryl Sabino with Southern States Co-op will conclude the evening with an informational session on the product Vetericyn. This program will be packed full of helpful educational information that all horses owners can benefit from. There will be time to talk to the speakers and

learn from other equine owners. Interested individuals are asked to RSVP to [kriley@wayenoh.org](mailto:kriley@wayenoh.org) before March 20<sup>th</sup> or contact the Wayne SWCD, 330-262-2836 for more information, or the website at [www.wayneswcd.org](http://www.wayneswcd.org) Last minute attendees are always welcome, so don’t be afraid to stop by!

### Receive Your Newsletter by Email

If you would like to switch from the mailed newsletter to the emailed newsletter, email us at [info@wayneswcd.org](mailto:info@wayneswcd.org) We will email the next Newsletter to you. Thanks for helping us conserve!

**20 12 Stewardship Week**



**April 29-May 6**

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