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# Conquest

“Capture your students love of learning about the environment”

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## Kelly's Korner ~ Let's be Fair...



### IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 6-11  
 Wayne Co Fair

Sept. 16-18  
 Farm Science Review

Oct. 13  
 Columbus day

Nov. 11  
 Veteran's day

Nov. 13  
 Wayne SWCD Annual Meeting

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It's that time of year again when all of Wayne County stops and comes together for the annual Wayne County Fair. It's also that time of year when teaching can be a struggle. You just get started back to school, and there is Labor day—a four day week, followed by another Monday off—due to the county fair. Students miss classes and lessons, and your planning is constantly changing—talk about STRESS! I know, I've been there, but we all have. I don't mean from the teacher's side, but from the student's side. Yes, we were all students—and we continue to be students. So let's not forget about this special time of the year. You do teach in a largely agricultural county— as **Wayne County boasts being #1 in the state for having the most amount of cows/cattle. Follow that with being**



From showing a 4-H animal project, helping your family, taking care of a project, or just having fun, kids are very busy (& tired...) during the fair.



Life's about the RIDE!

**ranked #3 with sheep & lambs, and # 7 in the state with hogs & pigs.** Many of your students have spent a lot of time, money and sweat in



preparation for this year's fair. They are also stressed out—so why not give both you and your students a break! Don't load them up with homework, arrange lessons that can be done by reading—so that if they miss your class they won't be lost. Please put yourself in their shoes (or boots), & let them enjoy the fair. It only comes once a year, and more memories and lessons can be learned and earned outside of the walls of your school building. You can also enjoy the fair more, by having less homework to grade or check. It's a win, win. If you can manage it, try it. Less stress will be worth it. Also, please don't forget to stop by & see me on Mon., Sept. 8th at the Wayne SWCD building! Have fun & enjoy! ~Kelly



The 2008  
Conservation  
Stewardship  
theme is  
"Water is Life"

## Soils & More...

Area High School teachers may want to write these dates down, and plan on reserving your buses or vehicles for an educational field trip. The county FFA land judging competition will be the week of September 22nd, so take note. We are planning on having it in the Waynedale school district, and I will send up -dates once I know more. If you are not an FFA advisor, but would be interesting in attending or knowing more about this event, please let me know so I can inform you & keep you on the email list. Thanks!

Another wonderful event is the Farm Science Review, held only during the week (Sept. 16th –18th.) This giant festival of agricultural information is held in London, Ohio. If you've never been, it's worth the time to go. There are many educational lectures, displays and demonstrations, including the Gwynne Conservation Area. Please check out the website at <http://fsr.osu.edu>. This is a great opportunity to tie your field trip into the state education standards.

## Teach "Green"

Are you planning ahead? Would you like some help with your recycling lessons or want more "green" ideas? Have you invited Joanna into your classroom?

Miss Joanna Keplar (formerly Weaver) is the Education Specialist at the S-T-W-Joint Solid Waste District. She provides free educational programs for all grades in all the Wayne County Schools. Her office is here in Wooster, and you can call or email her to set up a program, or just get some environmental information.

Joanna's work # is (330)-287-5478, and email is: [Joanna@timetorecycle.org](mailto:Joanna@timetorecycle.org)

You can also call me, Kelly, for programs and loaner materials (see page 4...) through the office at the Wayne SWCD—just grab your calendar & let me know.

## Looking for Nominee's

Once again I am asking for your help. Can you think of a fellow co-worker, or even administrator that deserves some recognition? The Wayne Soil & Water Conservation District is looking to honor the hard work that teachers do by awarding someone our "Educator of the Year". There are two grade categories, K-6, and 7-12. I would love to have some names, you can even nominate yourself...Just send me a brief e-mail of the person's name (by Oct. 10th) & we can go from there. Educators should be involved in teaching students about natural resources, conservation education programs & the outdoors. You can also call me @ 330-262-2836. Winners will be honored Nov. 13th at our banquet.

DID YOU KNOW? • Cutting one minute off your shower time can save about 700 gallons of water per month • An acre of corn gives off 4,000 gallons of water per day in evaporation • The average individual uses about 125 gallons of water per day •

Water  
is Life

conserving  
natural resources  
for our future

# Poster Contest Winners

The Wayne Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce the winners of the 2008 Conservation Poster Contest. The contest was open to any Wayne County student in grades K-12. First and second place winners were chosen in five grade categories this year with a theme of "Water is Life." These results and nominating teacher were from the Spring of 2008 respectively. For nearly 31 years, the district has sponsored this contest to instill in youth an appreciation for the environment. Students are encouraged to express their ideas in an artistic manner.

The first and second place winners, grades K-1, were Keeton Purvis, Mrs. Richards first grade class at Parkview Elementary, and Bailee McCullough, Mrs. Horst first grade at Smithville Elementary. The first place winner for grades 2-3 was Sara Wolf a second grader from Shreve Elementary taught by Mrs. Bower. Sophia Davis a third grader at Parkview won 2nd place. She is in Mrs. Arko's class. Keene Purvis, a fifth grader at Parkview Elementary in Mrs. McMichael's class, won 1st place in the 4-6 grade category while Tristian Lutsch, fifth grader from Mrs. Steidl's class at Orrville Middle School placed 2nd.



Keeton Purvis

Bailee McCullough

Sara Wolf

Sophia Davis

Keene Purvis

Tristian Lutsch

Sydney Mast and Olivia Steiner, both seventh graders from Central Christian Middle School, Mrs. Miller's class, placed 1st and 2nd respectively, in the 7th-9th grade category. Kirsten Robinson and Kara Henry, tenth graders, and both from Mr. Sidle's class at Triway High School placed 1st & 2nd in the 10-12 grade category. All of the winning posters advance to the area level judging to qualify for the state level. The results from the Area II level were: K-1: 1st Keeton Purvis, 2nd Bailee McCullough, 4-6: 1st Keene Purvis, 2nd Tristen Lutsert, and in the 10-12: 1st Kara Henry. These four Wayne County students represented our



Sydney Mast

Olivia Steiner

Kirsten Robinson

Kara Henry

county very well with their conservation posters. **We are proud to announce that there were three State Level winners from Wayne County!** Winning the OFSWCD State 2008 Conservation Poster Contest in the K-1st grade was Keeton Purvis. Keeton's brother Keene also won in the 4th-6th grade level, and

taking 2nd place in the 10th-12th grade was Kara Henry. Each winner was awarded a cash prize and a certificate from the Wayne SWCD. The state winners got an additional \$50 cash prize, and the runner-up was given \$25 cash prize. The Purvis's posters will be forwarded to the NACD Conservation Convention to represent the State of Ohio to be held in February 2009. Congratulations & Thanks to all!

# CONSIDER CONSERVATION!

The following FREE Presentations can be scheduled by calling the Wayne SWCD office at (330)-262-2836.

- ◆ **ENVIROSCAPE MODEL** (Grades 4-12, 45mins– 1hr.) Visually explains point & non-point source pollution on a watershed. Students get a hands-on demonstration of the effects of water run-off, & then learn how they can improve the watershed with conservation practices. Excellent for any environmental lesson.
- ◆ **FREDDIE THE FISH** (Grades K-4, 30-45mins.) Students get a visual understanding of the effects of pollution on “Freddie”(a sponge in a jar) as they are told about his journey downstream. Human impact on water and the importance of clean, healthy water is taught.
- ◆ **LIVING SOIL PROFILE** (Grades K-5, 45mins—1hr.) Students learn how soil is formed and discover the properties of soil. Intro & 3 different learning stations with hands-on soil smudge, rock rubbing, and coloring a soil profile are part of the program.
- ◆ **INCREDIBLE JOURNEY** (Grades K-6, 30-45mins.) Students learn about water on earth, it’s value & the water cycle. They act out the cycle of a water droplet as they travel to different locations. Best if done outdoors, or in a large open area.
- ◆ **TREE-MENDOUS TREES** (Grades K-6, 30-45mins.) Build a tree from the inside out (Heartwood to Bark) with your students! They will learn the value of trees, along with the forms and functions of the parts of a tree. Best if done outdoors, or in an open area.
- ◆ **BIRDS & BEYOND** (Grades K-6, 45mins. –1hr.) Students learn about birds, habitat, and conservation as they learn with Audubon toy bird replicas, and then do an activity on bird migration. They learn the effects of humans & the importance of habitat preservation.
- ◆ **TONY THE TRASHBAG** (Grades 2-6) Students learn the impacts of litter as they act out the movement of a plastic bag, and find out how it effects the whole environment., including harming animals. (Similar to Incredible Journey program) *Teachers can request a power point slide show that corresponds to the lesson presented.*
- ◆ **OUTDOOR EDUCATION** Call & schedule us to do a program or help out at your outdoor event. From fishing & stream studies to outdoor educational lessons, we can assist you & your school, or simply provide you with information or materials to borrow. Don’t forget to check out the loaner educational kits!

The following Educational Trunks can be loaned out for a 2-3 week period.

**Celebrate the Harvest A-Z Kit** (Grades K-3) This trunk covers farming, agriculture & Autumn harvest. It contains lessons, posters, photos, books, videos, and toy farm machinery. Wonderful kit for fall harvest or supplement to farming & agricultural lessons.

**Birds & Beak Adaptations Trunk** - This trunk has all the materials you need to do the “Fill the Bill” educational activity. Students learn eight different types of beaks & how each is adapted to feed on different foods. Also includes educational bird CD’s, books & information.

**For Heaven SNAKES!** The snake trunk comes with a boa constrictor hand puppet, books & videos. Great resources for a whole unit!

**RAINFOREST Teacher Trunk** Talk about a treasure trunk! This educational trunk contains a macaw parrot puppet, along with a lot of educational books, stories, videos, and lesson plans. Wonderful kit to supplement a unit.

**PETE’S Pack**– Teach your students about recycling with this kit. Comes with lesson plans & plastic examples.

**STREAM Stewardship** –This trunk has a preserved macroinvertebrate collection, the Save Our Stream manual, water quality books, lessons, and videos. Great for an “indoor” stream study.

**Animal Tracks Kit** –This trunk contains animal track molds for 10 different animals with directions on how to use plaster of paris, or make stamps & comes with field track guides. Makes for a great art project too!

**Honey Files Video & Teachers Guide** (Grades 4-6) Complete w/ lessons & a video on honeybees. *(You can look online for the links)*

**Take Me Fishing** - Need fishing poles for your outdoor program? We have a set of 18 quality poles, and tackles boxes.

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